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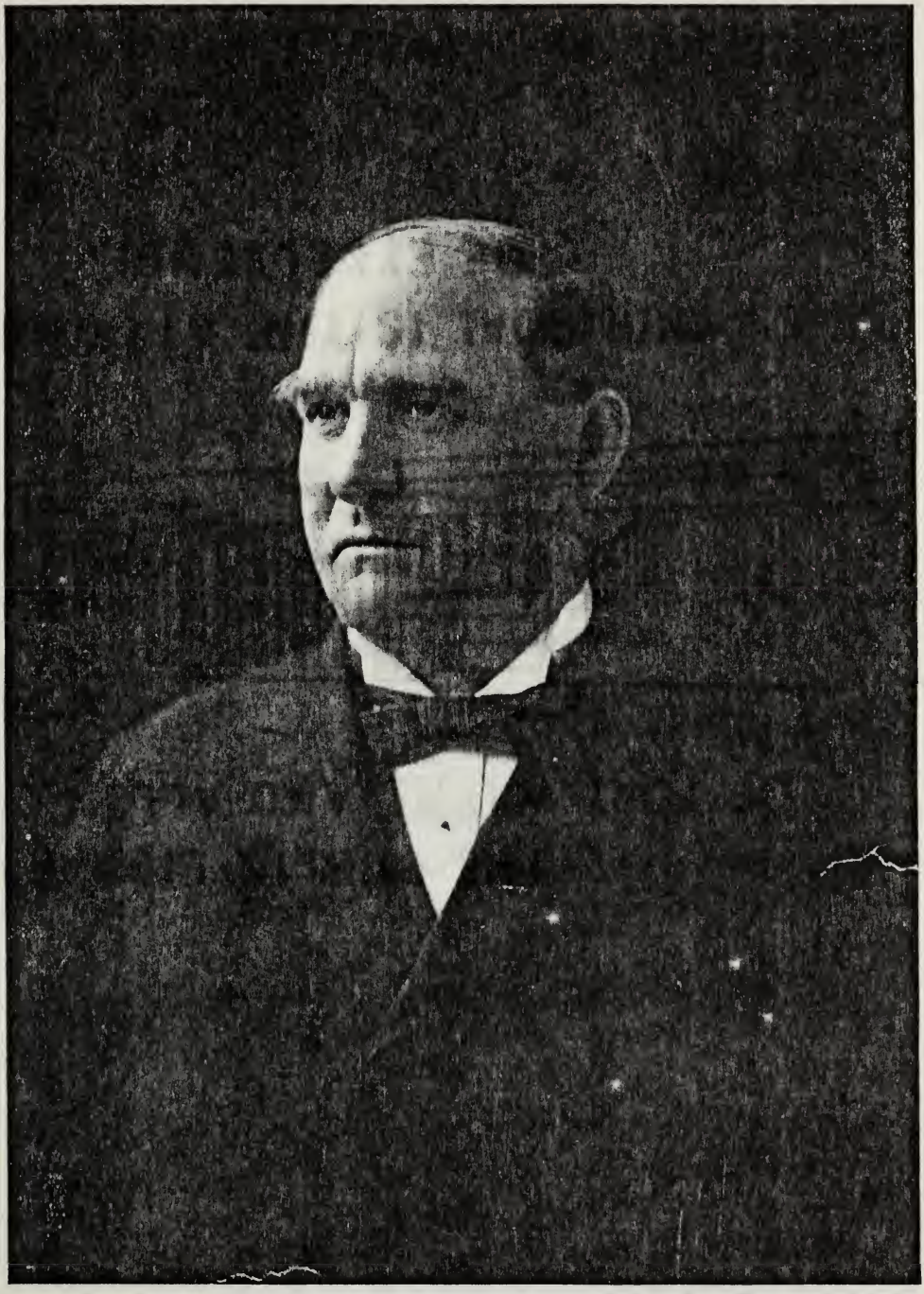

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HON. WILLIAM J. DEBOE.

The name of the Hon. William Joseph Deboe is indelibly inscribed on the pages of county, state and national history, for his prominence in public affairs has been of such a character that public progress and improvement have been conserved and recognition of his worth has been accorded. As a representative of two of the most important professions to which man can devote his energies, medicine and the law, he has gained success, and as a defender of principles bearing upon the welfare of his country he has become known for his sturdy adherence to what he believes to be right. He is, moreover, entitled to distinction because of the fact that he started out in life empty-handed and amid unfavorable circumstances, having few of the advantages which ordinarily prepare the youth of our land for the responsibilities of life.

Mr. Deboe is a native of Crittenden county, having being born upon a farm within its borders, on the 30th of June, 1849. His parents were Abram and Mary J. (Smith) Deboe. The father was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, January 17, 1817, and was a representative of one of the old families of that state, descended from French Huguenot

ancestry. The grandfather, Abram Deboe, was also a native of the Old Dominion, and was a son of a soldier of the colonial army in the war of the Revolution. Abram Deboe removed to Kentucky about 1830, settling in Caldwell county, about three miles east of the present village of Fredonia, where he lived and died.

Abram Deboe, the father of Senator Deboe, came to Kentucky with his parents when about thirteen years of age, and was here reared to manhood. Later he wedded Mary J. Smith, who was born and reared in this state, while her parents were natives of Virginia. He followed farming as a means of livelihood, although he devoted the greater part of his time and energy to the work of the ministry as a preacher in the Missionary Baptist church. Throughout all western Kentucky he preached and labored for the Master, and in his day no other local preacher was better or more favorably known than he, or did more good for his fellowmen and the cause of Christ. In politics he was an old-line Whig, and when the Civil war was inaugurated he espoused the cause of the Union and his voice was often heard in public addresses in ardent advocacy of the maintenance of an unbroken bond between the states. He later identified himself with the Republican party, and, being a man of strong convictions and unfaltering courage, he ever maintained a firm stand on matters political, religious and otherwise. In 1863 the wife of his early manhood passed away in death. He always resided upon a farm, and there reared his family. His death occurred in Caldwell county, in 1889.

Like the other children of the household, Hon. William J. Deboe was reared on the old home farm, and began his education in the country schools. Later he taught and attended school alternately, thus defraying the expenses of his own education by means of revenue obtained by in-

structing others. At Ewing College, in Illinois, he completed a liberal literary education, and then took up the study of law. Shortly thereafter he was influenced by a former instructor to take up the study of medicine, and in 1880, on the completion of the regular course, he was graduated from the Medical University of Louisville, Kentucky. Opening an office in Marion he began the practice of medicine here, and soon gained a large and lucrative patronage. For nearly seven years he was an extremely busy man, his professional duties making demands upon his time almost continuously, night and day. Much of his practice was in the country, necessitating trips on horseback through all kinds of weather and causing him to undergo many personal hardships in order to relieve the sick and suffering, so that at the end of seven years his own health became greatly impaired and warned him to make a change in his work. Accordingly he abandoned the medical profession and resumed the study of law, which he had not altogether suspended during the time he practiced medicine. In 1888 he was admitted to the bar.

Forming a partnership with the Hon. J. W. Blue, Mr. Deboe and his associate soon gained a large clientage that connected them with much of the important litigation in the courts of the district. From early life Mr. Deboe has taken an active interest in politics and has acceptably served on local, state and national committees of his party. The first office held by him was that of superintendent of county schools, and splendid results of his services in this office obtain to this day; one being the excellent public school building of Marion. In 1892 he made the race for congressman from his district as the Republican nominee, but was not successful in overcoming the large Democratic majority of the district. The following year, however, he was elected state senator from the fourth senatorial district, overcoming a goodly majority the Demo-

cratic party had previously long maintained in the district. In 1895 he was a prominent candidate for the United States senate, at which time many other candidates of popularity were also contestants for the office. Such was the division of votes in the general assembly that the election of any candidate seemed improbable, and for the sake of harmony and the good of his party Mr. Deboe withdrew from the race, in favor of the Hon. W. G. Hunter, who also at last failed of election. At the called session of 1897, Mr. Deboe again became a candidate and was elected. He served one term with distinction in the United States senate, and then retired from office with the respect and esteem of his colleagues of both political parties. In both state and national politics Senator Deboe is a conspicuous character, and has borne a commendable part. In the councils of his party his advice has been sought, and no member of the party wields a greater influence in Kentucky than he.

Senator Deboe was married in 1886 to Miss Victoria Larkin, of Mount Vernon, Indiana, and to them has been born a daughter, Mary Larkin Deboe. The Senator has long been a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He has always taken active interest in local affairs, especially along lines of permanent improvement and progress. When Marion was without railroad facilities he was among the first to encourage railway construction, and was influential in securing the building of a railroad to this city. He has also aided in the promotion of other enterprises, thus manifesting a spirit of progress and of devotion to the general good. By his neighbors he is held in the highest esteem; by his professional brethren he is regarded as having been a physician of skill and broad knowledge, and as being a lawyer possessed of unusual talent, while in politics and statesmanship he ranks among the foremost of the nation. From a farm lad and

through unfavorable circumstances he has made his way to success, and along the rough and rugged way has maintained an untarnished name and a character above reproach.

JOHN B. DAY.

John B. Day, formerly a farmer, now residing in the town of Clinton, was born and reared in Hickman county. He was born September 11, 1863, and is a son of Alpheus L. and Nancy (Woosley) Day. His father was born in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, and his mother in Bedford, Tennessee. His paternal grandfather was John Day, also a native of Mecklenburg county, Virginia, and of English lineage. His maternal grandfather, James Woosley, was a native of Tennessee, of German descent.

Our subject's father settled in Graves county, Kentucky, about 1837, and lived there till about 1860, at which time he removed to Hickman county, settling about three and a half miles southeast of Clinton. Here John B. Day was reared, and was given only a common school education. In 1880 he married Miss Hettie Elliott, and on the farm on which Mr. Day was born and reared and still owns, he settled down in life, taking up the pursuit of farming, which he best understood. Here he continued to reside till in the spring of 1903, when he removed his family to the town of Clinton that his children might have better educational advantages than the country schools afforded them.

Mrs. Day, like her husband, is a native of Hickman county. Her parents were James and Margaret (Bard) Elliott, both natives of Ken-

tucky, and are now deceased. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Day is the youngest but one.

To Mr. and Mrs. Day have been born four children, namely: Lula, born October 24, 1887; Nancy A., born December 28, 1892; James, born July 21, 1897; and Taylor B., born November 7, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Day are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He is a Democrat in politics, and is numbered among the leading citizens of his county.

EDWARD MORRIN JOHNSON.

Edward Morrin Johnson, who is serving as clerk of the circuit court of Caldwell county and makes his home in the city of Princeton, was born here on the 12th of October, 1857, his parents being Thomas Jefferson and Ann Eliza (Barnard) Johnson. The father was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and was there reared. In his early youth he was left an orphan and came to Caldwell county, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. After arriving at years of maturity he was here married to Miss Ann Eliza Barnard, a native of this state, whose parents came from Massachusetts to Kentucky. Thomas J. Johnson began life a poor man. He learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for several years, and when his unfaltering labor and capable management had brought to him some capital he embarked in business on his own account in Princeton as a dealer in hardware and groceries. Later he became proprietor of a hotel in this city and was owner of the stage line, making the trip between Hopkinsville and Smithland. When the Civil war was inaugurated he was enjoying a good and prosperous business and had a fair estate, but because of conditions brought on

by the war he lost heavily and became much discouraged. He died in the year 1888 at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife passed away about 1891, she, too, being seventy-four years at the time of her demise. Both were devoted members of the Christian church, and in his political affiliations Mr. Johnson was a Democrat. To him and his wife were born the following children: Nora, the deceased wife of Samuel Ware; Thomas Jefferson, who is living in Princeton; Charles, who has departed this life; David, a resident of Logan county, Kentucky; Annie, deceased; Frank, who is living in Clarksville, Tennessee; Edward M.; and three who died in infancy.

Edward Morrin Johnson was reared in Princeton and obtained his education in the public schools there. When eighteen years of age he started out in life for himself, working first as a farm hand, but while thus engaged he suffered a sunstroke and was unable longer to continue in agricultural pursuits. He then became connected with a furniture business for a short time, and later accepted a position of deputy county clerk, in which capacity he served for ten years. He was elected clerk of the circuit court in 1892 for a term of six years. He proved a most capable officer in that position, and his promptness and fidelity caused his re-election in 1898, so that he is now serving for a second term of six years, and his incumbency will continue until 1904, when he will have filled the office for twelve years. He was elected upon the Democratic ticket, and has always been a strong supporter of that party.

In 1886 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Kennie Simpson, who was born in Tennessee, and they now have two children: Beulah and Ruth. The parents hold membership in the Christian church, and Mr. Johnson is a Knight Templar Mason, active in the

fraternity. Having spent his entire life here, he is widely known, and the fact that many of his stanch friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication that his career has ever been worthy of respect and confidence.

JOHN DAVIS.

John Davis, of the firm of John Davis & Son, marble and granite dealers, Princeton, Kentucky, is an Englishman by birth, but has been a resident of America from early boyhood. He was born about seventy-five miles from London, England, in 1839, and came to America with his parents in 1848, locating with them at Evansville, Indiana, where his father, Moses Davis, was engaged in railroading. The elder Davis died at Evansville at about the age of forty-seven years. The mother bore the maiden name of Carrie Lowe. She died at New Orleans, where the family landed on coming to this country, dying of cholera. Our subject is the oldest of four living children, namely: John, Thomas, Mary Ann and Betsie.

When a young man John Davis served an apprenticeship of three years to the marble and stone cutter's trade, with M. A. Lawrence, at Evansville, after which he worked at his trade four years as a journeyman. Then he engaged in business for himself at a little town called South Carrollton, Kentucky, where he remained for a period of eighteen years. At the end of that time he came to Princeton. That was in the spring of 1881, and here for twenty-two years he has conducted a marble and granite business, now having his son as partner, and doing business under the firm name of John Davis & Son. The firm does all forms of monumental work, and the workmanship is of the highest

class. Their business is not simply local, but extends over many counties. In many cemeteries of western Kentucky can be found many excellent monuments erected by John Davis & Son. The firm is constantly busy and enjoys a steadily increasing business, all being due to excellent workmanship, stock and fair dealing.

Mr Davis was married, at Evansville, Indiana, in 1860, to Miss Annabel Young, who, like himself, is of English birth and was brought to this country when a child. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Thomas and Martha Young, natives of England. The children of this union are five in number, namely: Carrie, wife of S. B. Mott, of Princeton, Kentucky; William, his father's partner, and who married Cora George, daughter of Garrett George, and has three daughters and one son, Ethel, Louise, Annabel and John G.; Lillie, wife of Albert George, of Tulare, California; Mattie, wife of John Fairchild, of Evansville, Indiana; and Ruth, at home.

Politically Mr. Davis is a Republican, and while he has never been a politician, he has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs, and was at one time a member of the city council of Princeton. He has membership in Center Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M., and is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church.

DR. JOHN ALLISON AKIN.

For more than three decades Dr. John Allison Akin has been identified with Princeton, Kentucky, not only as a practicing dentist but also as a leading representative citizen. Dr. Akin traces his ancestry back to Scotch origin. The first Akins to land in this country came here as refugees from Scotland on account of the persecution of

the Huguenots, and made settlement in South Carolina. Robert H. Akin, Dr. Akin's grandfather, was born in South Carolina. He moved to Tennessee, and in Maury county, that state, his son Allison, the Doctor's father, was born. Allison Akin was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. His work took him to various points, and from 1855 to 1866 his home was in Lyon county, Kentucky. In the last named year he moved to Caldwell county, Kentucky, and located in the Rock Spring neighborhood, where he died in 1871, at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow survived him until 1890, when she died at the age of sixty-seven years. Her maiden name was Mary P. M. Tayloe; she was a native of Stewart county, Tennessee, and a daughter of John Tayloe, a native of North Carolina, of English descent. Allison and Mary P. M. Akin were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, of which number one died at the age of two years and one at the age of seven, the others living to adult years.

Dr. J. A. Akin is the eldest of the above family. He was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, January 4, 1849, and was a small boy at the time his parents moved, in 1855, to Lyon county, Kentucky, where he lived until he reached the age of seventeen. The years 1869 and 1870 he spent in the study of dentistry. In 1871 he began the practice of his profession at Princeton, where he soon built up and has maintained an excellent business, his professional career here extending over a period of thirty-two years. From time to time Dr. Akin has made profitable investments in farming lands, and as the result of his years of labor and good management has gained a fair competency.

Dr. Akin married, in 1882, Miss Nannie King, daughter of Dr. J. A. King, of Princeton. Mrs. Akin was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, and educated at the Princeton College. They are the parents

of two children, namely: Allison, named in honor of his grandfather, is a student in the Kentucky State College at Lexington; and Melville, at home.

For many years Dr. Akin has been a member of the Tennessee State Dental Association; he has been a life-long Democrat, and since he was nine years old has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. In church and Sunday-school work he has always taken an active part, filling various official positions in the same, and at this writing he is a steward of the church and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

JOHN W. CARTER.

John W. Carter, who has a profitable and highly cultivated farm near Mayfield, is a native son of Graves county, where his life of nearly fifty years has been spent in a useful occupation and in the capable performance of such duties as have fallen to him as a citizen and member of the community, so that he now enjoys a happy and comfortable home and the high regard of many friends and neighbors.

Mr. Carter is the son of Callis N. J. and Rhoda (Sullivan) Carter, the former of Irish descent and a son of William Carter, and the latter a daughter of John Sullivan, of Tennessee. Callis Carter was a native of Tennessee, but made his home during most of his life in Graves county, where he was a successful farmer. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, in which faith he died when about sixty-seven years old. His wife is still living at the age of seventy. Ten children were born to these parents, as follows: George W., deceased; Cynthia E.; Jasper, deceased; John W.; Mar-

garet; James W., deceased; Joseph; Mollie, deceased; Tabitha; and Lillie.

John W. Carter was born in Graves county, May 22, 1855, and was reared and educated there. By living on his father's farm during his minority he gained thorough experience in the art of agriculture, and he early began farming and dealing in stock on his own account. He is now the owner of a fine farm on the Blandville road, three miles from Mayfield. He is progressive and methodical in his work, and enjoys good profits from his labor.

Mr. Carter follows the lead of his father in matters of political choice and has always voted the Democratic ticket. In 1878 he married Miss Ada Sanderson, who was born in Graves county, October 13, 1861, and has become the mother of the following children: Minnie M., James L., Mollie, Daisy, Thomas, Nettie M., Ula, Sylvester, Della and Tray. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have many friends in the county where they have passed their entire lives, and their hospitality is generous and open-handed.

THOMAS J. ROBB.

Thomas Jefferson Robb, one of the highly respected and enterprising young men of Graves county, Kentucky, was born April 19, 1868, in Union county, this state. He is a son of William A. and Martha D. (Wathen) Robb, both of whom were born in Union county. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Robb, was also born there, but came of Irish ancestry; at one time he held the office of sheriff of his county. The grandfather on the maternal side was Thomas Wathen, born in Kentucky, a physician by calling.

William A. Robb was a farmer and made his home in Union

county, Kentucky. In politics he was a Democrat, while his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army and remained until the close of the war. His death occurred when he was thirty-three years of age. His wife survives, aged now about fifty-eight years, and lives in Graves county. To them were born three children, namely: Thomas J., John W. and William A.

Thomas J. Robb was reared and educated in Union county, and he has spent his entire life farming and stock trading, with the exception of a few years when he was in a mercantile business at Fancy Farm. He now owns a fine farm in excellent condition. Like his father, he is a Democrat and Catholic.

On October 29, 1894, he was married in Graves county to Nannie B. Carrico, who was born in Graves county in September, 1870, and to this union one child has come, Anna V., born June 11, 1896. In their pleasant home Mr. and Mrs. Robb are to be found always glad to welcome a guest and extend to him the hospitalities of the establishment.

JAMES WILLIAMS CLAY.

James Williams Clay was born in Henderson, November 28, 1874, and is a son of James Franklin Clay. He is the only member of his father's family who has embraced the legal profession, and the firm of Clay & Clay is now one of the best known and most thoroughly reliable legal combinations in the city. He was educated in the schools of Henderson under the careful supervision of his father and was graduated in the law department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, in the class of 1892. He finished his course with honor and won the degree LL. B. He next entered upon the practice of his chosen pro-

fession in connection with his father, and has evinced an aptitude for the law and an ability to successfully meet the problems connected therewith rare in young men. He is a close student, faithful in the discharge of his duties and the interests confided to him. Building upon the sure foundation of thorough and comprehensive preparation, with the experience which comes with years, he will undoubtedly have a brilliant and successful career at the bar. His association with his distinguished father is most fortunate and happy, and one so rare as to command wide attention and respect. He assists in all the important litigation of the firm and has appeared with credit in argument in the court of appeals, winning the approval of the entire court on the conclusion of his initial address. He is a member of the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order and enjoys the respect and confidence of the entire bar.

JAMES L. CARTER.

James L. Carter, one of the prosperous residents at Clinton, is the son of Lloyd and Annie (Wallace) Carter, and was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, August 28, 1849. His father was born in Tennessee and his mother in Graves county. The paternal grandfather was John Carter, who came of English descent. The maternal grandfather was Nathan Wallace and was born in North Carolina.

James L. Carter was reared and educated in Hickman county. His first work in life was on a farm, and he succeeded so well that he has since continued in this work, and also followed the trade of a carpenter. At present he is the owner of four hundred acres of fine land, all in one tract. Starting out in life without capital, through energy, industry and good management he has accumulated considerable of this world's

goods, and gained the respect and esteem of all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat. In his religious connections he is a Methodist and gives liberally towards its support.

In 1870 he was married to Miss Lucy Howell, who was born in Fulton county, Kentucky, a daughter of Gresham and Emeline (Baker) Howell. Mr. Howell was born in Tennessee and his wife in Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Ransom Howell, was of Irish descent, but of the maternal grandfather, William Baker's, lineage we have no definite knowledge. Her father was a Democrat in politics and a Methodist in religion. Both parents of Mrs. Carter are living, residing on the old homestead, aged seventy-seven and seventy-three years, respectively, and they have been married fifty-four years. Their children are as follows: Mary E., James W., Millie J. and Allie, all deceased; Lucy, Mrs. Carter; Julia, Mrs. John Carter; Helen, Mrs. Bloomer Nichols. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter: Fannie, Mrs. John Craig; Wesley; Edwin; Wilkerson; Allie, Mrs. Thomas Fowler; an unnamed infant, Clarence; two unnamed infants; James L.; George B., deceased; an unnamed infant; Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Carter are well and favorably known in their community, and make their friends welcome at their pleasant home near Clinton.

BEDFORD FORREST BURTON.

From a humble position in the business world Bedford Forrest Burton has steadily worked his way upward, directing his energies in those channels through which prosperity comes. An analyzation of his life record shows that energy, close application and mastery of the work entrusted to him have been the salient features in his career. He is

now cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Wickliffe, and is also successfully engaged in dealing in real estate.

Mr. Burton was born on a farm in Daviess county, Kentucky, September 20, 1867, and is descended from one of the old families of Virginia. His great-grandfather, Bassett Burton, was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to Kentucky, and in this state Addison Burton, the grandfather, was born, reared and spent his entire life. Richard B. Burton, the father of our subject, was born in Daviess county, Kentucky, where he is still living at the age of sixty-seven years, his entire life having been devoted to farming. In early manhood he wedded Miss Margaret S. Pate, a native of Ohio county, Kentucky, and a daughter of Dr. Mason Crawford and Charlotte (Miller) Pate. Mrs. Burton passed away in 1901, at the age of sixty-five years, respected by all who knew her. She was the mother of four sons, one of whom had died in infancy. The brothers of our subject are Jefferson Davis Burton, a farmer and school teacher of Daviess county, Kentucky, and Alverdie P. Burton, also a farmer of Daviess county.

On the home farm Bedford F. Burton spent his boyhood and youth, assisting in the labors of field and meadow. The sun shone down upon many a field which he plowed and planted, and when not engaged with the work of cultivating the soil he attended the public schools, acquiring a good, practical English education. When twenty-three years of age he left home, and for three or four years was engaged in painting and paperhanging at Newbern, Tennessee, and Wickliffe, Kentucky, having resided continuously in the latter city since 1892. In May, 1896, he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the Bank of Wickliffe, and was connected with that institution for three and a half years, three years of which time he served as assistant cashier. On the 20th of March,

1902, the Farmers' Bank of Wickliffe was organized and opened for business, and Mr. Burton became cashier, in which capacity he has since served. The success of the bank may be attributed in no small degree to his efforts, for his thorough understanding of the business has been an important factor in the control of the institution, and his obliging manner and unfailing courtesy have secured many patrons. In connection with Charles Wickliffe he is also engaged in operating in real estate under the firm style of Burton & Wickliffe, and they have handled considerable valuable property and negotiated many important realty transfers.

In 1899 Mr. Burton was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Rich, a daughter of Jesse A. Rich, of Ballard county, Kentucky, and they now have one child, Winnie Goebel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burton have a wide circle of friends in Wickliffe, and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is freely accorded them. While Mr. Burton has never sought or desired office, he always keeps well informed on the political issues of the day, as every true American citizen should do, and votes for the measures which he believes will affect the weal of the nation. His support is ever given to the Democracy, and his social relations connect him with the Masonic fraternity. There have been no exciting chapters in his life history, but his record proves the force of determination and honorable effort in the business world, and shows that the world is not slow to acknowledge worth and merit.

JAMES R. ALLEN.

James R. Allen, the well known farmer near Mayfield, Graves county, Kentucky, is himself a North Carolinian, and is one of that ceaseless stream of emigrants who have been born in the rich Old North

state, and have afterward crossed the mountains to the wider fields of the states of the Mississippi valley. His father was James Allen, who was born in North Carolina in 1814, and afterward moved to Tennessee, and in 1865 came to Marshall county, Kentucky, where he resided till his death in 1884. His wife was Linda Russell, born in North Carolina in 1817, and she died in 1880. The children of these parents were: Joel Allen, who is a well-to-do merchant of Clear Spring, Kentucky; Cable, in the tobacco business in Mayfield; John, a farmer of Graves county, who died in 1887 at the age of forty-seven; Sallie, the wife of Dr. Shelton, of Boydsville, Kentucky; Margaret, who died at the age of thirty-six.

James R. Allen was born to these parents in North Carolina in 1862, and was educated in the public schools of Marshall county, Kentucky. When he left school he began farming in Marshall county, and in 1887 came to Graves county, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits ever since, and his five hundred and seventy-five acres of well tilled land place him in the front rank of the farmers of the county. He is an adherent of the old Democratic party, and attends to the duties of the good citizen with commendable earnestness. In 1887 Mr. Allen married Miss Nellie Tryee, and the children who were born to them are May, Celcie, John, Ruth, William, James, and Dewey.

JAMES M. TARTT.

The Tartt family, like many in Kentucky, had its origin across the mountains in North Carolina, where grandfather James Tartt was born, being of the sturdy Irish stock which settled a large part of that state. He came to Tennessee in early life and was a prominent farmer of

Henry county. He was married in that county and reared three children: Thaddeus C. Tartt, a farmer of Nacogdoches, Texas; Martha V., the wife of John Wade, a timberman of Olive, Tennessee; and Penbrook S. Tartt. The last named, the father of James M. Tartt, was born in Henry county, Tennessee, in 1835. He was educated in the schools of Paris, Tennessee, and then engaged in the drug business in that city, until 1861, when he came to Graves county, Kentucky; for the following twenty years he farmed, and in 1881 moved to Wingo, Graves county, and from that time till his death in 1902 conducted a hotel. He was a stanch Democrat all his life, and belonged to the Methodist church.

Penbrook S. Tartt married Susan S. Morse, who was born in Graves county, Kentucky, in 1837. Her father was Mark Morse, a native of Caldwell county, Kentucky, and of English descent; early in life he moved to Graves county and settled near Brush Creek church. Mr. Morse married Emma Willingham and reared a family of five girls, all of whom are living but one: Mary is the wife of Dr. A. B. Beadles, the first physician of Wingo, and he died in 1875 at the age of fifty; Emily, who became the wife of Porter Campbell, a business man of Fulton, Kentucky, died in 1893 at the age of fifty-eight; Frances is the wife of James Emerson, a farmer of Graves county; Georgia is the wife of Alfred Crews, a hotelkeeper of Wingo; and Susan S., who has survived her husband and is still living at the age of sixty-six, having become the mother of two children, Anna W. Dodson and James M. Tartt.

James M. Tartt was born in Graves county, Kentucky, in 1867, and after finishing his education in the Wingo schools, clerked for about three months in the grocery store of E. T. Stephenson; he was next employed in the same capacity in the Frost & Slaughter dry-goods house,

and in 1891 he went to Mayfield and worked for R. E. Smith in the same business till 1892, when he returned to Wingo and engaged in the grocery business, the firm being known as Plumbee & Tartt. In 1894 he bought his grandfather's farm and engaged in farming for two years; in 1896 he was elected cashier of the Bank of Wingo, and at the present time fills this office and also conducts a grocery store.

In 1891 Mr. Tartt was married to Miss Della C. Myatt, the daughter of A. M. and Rachel Myatt, of Graves county. In politics Mr. Tartt is a Democrat, and is a member of Landrum Lodge No. 448, A. F. & A. M., of Mayfield. He is one of the younger, but one of the very capable and energetic business men of Graves county, and enjoys the respect of all his associates.

JAMES R. LEMON.

James R. Lemon was born on the 10th of April, 1848, in Guilford county, North Carolina, near where the battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought during the Revolutionary war, and seven miles from Greensboro, the county seat of Guilford county. He was the first child born to Joseph G. and Demarias A. Lemon, the former of whom was born in 1818 and the latter in 1833, both natives of North Carolina. It was in the year 1855 that these parents left their home in their native state in search of a new home in what they called the "west." This journey of over eight hundred miles in a two-horse wagon, with three small children, was accomplished in seven weeks, and they landed at Birmingham, Marshall county, Kentucky, about Christmas time in the year 1855. Marshall county was then almost a wilderness with but few settlements scattered about, and this consequently afforded their children but poor

opportunities for receiving an education. For several years after arriving in this state the parents were renters, and thus drifted from one neighborhood to another.

It will thus be seen that the son, James R. Lemon, received few opportunities to prepare himself for future usefulness. He was reared to farm life, and attended the public schools of his neighborhood, which were very poor at that time, until 1870, but during that period he devoted every hour possible to the study of such books as his parents were able to furnish him, and when he had reached his twenty-second year he was regarded as the best scholar in the community. It was in the same year that he visited Henry county, Tennessee, and during his sojourn there among relatives taught a three months' school, for which he received fifty-six dollars. Returning thence to his humble home in Kentucky, he there remained until March 27, 1870, when he entered the Marshall County Seminary, located at Benton, Kentucky, and under the preceptorship of Professor A. Pomroy, an able educator. Attending the spring and summer session, he then went into the country and taught a fall school in his home district, after which he again entered the seminary, there remaining until April, 1871, when the institution was disbanded and the students drifted into various portions of the country. From that time until the following September Mr. Lemon was employed as a clerk in a general store at Briensburg, after which he taught another school, and at the expiration of that period returned home. In August, 1872, he again entered the schoolroom, at Briensburg, where he taught until the spring of 1873, and on the 13th of March of that year he was married to Miss Cora A. Wilson, of Benton, by whom he had three children, Clay G., Luna E. and Maud S., all yet living.

In 1874 Mr. Lemon embarked in the drug business in Benton, in

partnership with his father-in-law, Dr. J. K. Wilson, but shortly afterward the latter died, and he then continued the business in his own name until 1880, when he formed a partnership with W. A. Holland. By this time young Lemon was becoming quite prominent for his business ability and the success which attended all his efforts, and in 1880 he was appointed by Colonel Sam Gaines, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, as census supervisor of Marshall county. In the following year, 1881, he was employed by Patrick & Wilson, wholesale stationers at Evansville, Indiana, as traveling salesman in western Kentucky, southern Illinois, western Tennessee, southeastern Missouri and Arkansas, which position he held for five years, and was considered one of the most successful salesman on the road. On the 17th of November, 1884, he enlarged his drug interest in Benton by buying out all competitors and becoming the junior partner in the well known firm of Starks & Lemon, thus continuing until October 13, 1890, when he purchased the interest of his partner and conducted a successful business in his own name. On the 20th of March, 1885, his wife died, leaving him with three small children, and on October 6 following he was married to Miss Lucretia C. Thompson, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Martha Thompson, and the two children of this union are still living, Scott T. and Bryan T. Lemon.

At this time Mr. Lemon was taking a prominent part in politics and the management of the finances of several enterprises. In March, 1886, he was appointed by Governor J. Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, a member of the state board of equalization, with headquarters at Frankfort, to fill out the unexpired term of C. C. Coulter, deceased. To this position he was elected at the November election of 1886, over several competitors, and received a three thousand majority. He was

one of the most prominent members of the board and did much for his constituents in reducing taxation. In 1892 he was appointed master commissioner of Marshall county by D. G. Clark, judge of the common pleas court of that district, which position he held until his resignation in 1893. From 1873 for two years he held the position of postmaster at Old Briensburg, for seven years served in the same position at Benton under the administrations of Grant and Arthur, and was again appointed at Benton, May 9, 1893, under Cleveland's administration, which position he held for nine years, and was considered one of the best of postmasters. In 1894 Mr. Lemon formed a stock company at Paducah, Kentucky, under the name of the Lemon-Gregory Hat Company, being the prime mover in establishing a wholesale hat house in that city, and was president and general manager of the company until it discontinued business in 1899. He was also always fond of the newspaper business, being considered a natural journalist, and on the 1st of May, 1890, became editor and proprietor of the Benton *Tribune,* soon making it one of the leading county papers in western Kentucky. He was a strong Democrat, and as a matter of course his paper was Democratic. In 1895 he became part owner of the Paducah *Register,* serving as vice president of the company until 1896, when he disposed of his interest.

In 1898 politics in Kentucky became very warm, when the lamented Senator Goebel was a candidate for governor. At this time both papers in Paducah bolted the Democratic ticket, and he, together with W. W. Martin, of Eddyville, threw themselves into the breach and established the Kentucky *Leader,* which was the only paper that supported the Democratic ticket that year. He disposed of his interest in that paper in 1899. On the 17th of April, 1901, he went to Mayfield, Kentucky,

and formed a copartnership in the newspaper business with W. K. Wall, a prominent young lawyer and city attorney, and established the Mayfield Daily and Weekly *Messenger,* which was not long in becoming Graves county's greatest newspaper. Mr. Lemon has always taken a lively interest in both state and local politics, and believes it a political crime to depart from his party's ticket. He is a member of the Christian church, is an Odd Fellow, a Mason, a Knight of Honor, and also a member of the Golden Cross and the Maccabees. His life has ever been an active one in business. He has been strictly temperate, having never drunk, used tobacco or gambled, always honest in his dealings and punctual to comply with his contracts. He has never been an office-seeker or been politically ambitious, although he has held several positions, and twice in his life has been a candidate. He is one of the best known men in the western part of the state, and has perhaps traveled more than any other man in the section.

ARCHIBALD DIXON PURDY, M. D.

Archibald Dixon Purdy, M. D., of Kuttawa, was born on a farm in Hopkins county, Kentucky, April 28, 1854, and was reared in his native place. He left home when fourteen years of age, with thirty cents in his pocket, and walked to Union county, Kentucky, where he hired himself out to a farmer by the day, earning sufficient to purchase a hundred-acre farm in Hopkins county, to which his mother, brother and sister later moved. He attended school at Charleston, Hopkins county, Kentucky, and then clerked for M. M. Lynch for several months. The latter helped him during his youth and took an interest in the plucky lad. By teaching the young fellow earned enough to continue his own

studies, and meanwhile worked upon the farm. Finally he began the study of medicine, and entered the University of Tennessee and was graduated from the medical department in February, 1882. Immediately thereafter he located in Kuttawa, and has since made it his home, building up a large and paying practice. He is a member of the Lyon County Medical Society, of which he is vice president; and member of the Kentucky State Medical Association. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and is very active in the order. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1886 he married Miss Ida Hopkins, of Paducah, Kentucky, the accomplished daughter of John W. Hopkins, Esq. Three children have been born of this marriage, two living and one deceased, namely: Archibald; John, deceased; Mary Irwin.

Dr. Purdy owns about twenty-six thousand acres of land, and is largely interested in farming. Being a strictly self-made man, the success which has attended him is all the more remarkable and creditable, and he has also gained a host of warm personal friends.

WILLIAM POLLITT McCLAIN.

William Pollitt McClain is a native of Henderson county, Kentucky, and makes his home in the city of Henderson. His father, William McClain, of Scotch ancestry, was an agriculturist, who located in Maryland in colonial days. The first of the name to come to Kentucky sought a home in Henderson county during the pioneer epoch in the history of the state. Here the family acquired extensive real estate holdings and owned large numbers of slaves to cultivate their lands; but when the Civil war liberated the negroes, the owners were left in

an impoverished condition. The mother of our subject, Mrs. Virginia McClain, was a daughter of James B. and Elizabeth (Cabell) Pollitt, the former a merchant and one of the most enterprising business men of Henderson. The Cabells were a leading family of Buckingham county, Virginia, and removed from the Old Dominion to central Kentucky. They were also related to the Bolling family of Virginia.

Mr. McClain, of this sketch, began his education in the schools of Henderson and afterward entered the Notre Dame University of South Bend, Indiana, where he was graduated with honor in the class of 1870, receiving the degree of A. B. He then entered the law department of the University of Virginia, and on the completion of the prescribed course was graduated at that institution in 1873. He took up his residence in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court and engaged in practice there until 1875, when he returned to Henderson, where he has since been actively engaged in the active prosecution of his chosen profession.

In 1880 Mr. McClain was elected city attorney and served until 1881 when he resigned to accept the office of county attorney, to which he was called by the vote of the people. For fourteen consecutive years he acted in that capacity, with the approval and unqualified approbation of a constantly increasing constituency. He so upheld the majesty of the law and administered the criminal code that he gained the respect and confidence of the people, as is well indicated by his long retention in office. He has been an active factor in the campaigns of the Democracy and is an ardent and consistent adherent of its principles and a fearless and able advocate of his belief before the people. In 1894 he was urged by his friends to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for congress and made a brilliant canvass. He defeated his

home opponent, a lawyer of acknowledged ability and experience, but lost the nomination in the convention in a triangular contest. His law practice is large and lucrative, and he has a distinctly valuable clientage. His practice has been general and he is a forceful and successful advocate and a safe and judicious counselor, equally able in civil or criminal practice.

Mr. McClain was married in 1882 to Miss Mary Maury Garland, daughter of Dr. Richard Garland, a native of Virginia and a practictioner of medicine in Henderson. He was reared in the Presbyterian church but with his wife attends the Episcopal church, of which she is a member. Mr. McClain belongs to no societies; he is a man of domestic tastes and finds his greatest pleasure at his own fireside, dispensing the hospitality for which the southern homes are so justly noted. His scholarly attainments and his culture, combined with a courteous, genial manner, make him a favorite with many friends. He is a man of broad scholarship, recognized as a ripe student, not alone in the law but also in general lines of thought and investigation. In personal appearance he is of fine physique, has a musical and harmonious voice and possesses a personal magnetism which on the platform or in the court room attracts his hearers, while his logical arguments and earnest utterances never fail to carry conviction.

ROBERT H. HODGES.

Robert H. Hodges, one of Hickman county's most succesful farmers, was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, September 12, 1864, and is a son of Eli and Martha J. (Bard) Hodges. His father was born in eastern Tennessee and his mother in what is now Fulton county, Ken-

tucky. The Hodges family came originally from South Carolina and is of English origin. The maternal grandfather of our subject was William Bard, but we know little of him.

Robert H. Hodges was reared and educated in Hickman county, and began farming before he had attained his majority, and has continued in this pursuit ever since. For the past ten years he has also dealt more or less extensively in live-stock, buying and shipping to the St. Louis markets. His farm consists of one hundred and eight acres of fine land, which he keeps in a high state of cultivation. When he began his business career he had one hundred and forty dollars as capital, but by industry, energy and good management he has gained his present prosperous position. In politics he was a Democrat until four years ago, when he became a Socialist. In religious matters he is a Cumberland Presbyterian and contributes generously towards the support of the church.

In 1889 he was married to Miss Mattie Kendall. She was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, October 15, 1869, and is a daughter of George and Mary (Hannon) Kendall. Her father and mother were born in Hickman county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hodges was William Kendall, who was born in Virginia and came of English descent, while the maternal grandfather was James Hannon and was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, and came of Irish parentage. George Kendall, the father of Mrs. Hodges, was a carpenter by trade, and worked at his craft until 1883, when he decided to devote his entire time to farming, a calling he had followed in connection with his trade. In politics he was a Democrat and later a Populist. His death occurred April 25, 1902, when he was sixty-six years of age. His wife is still living at the age of sixty-seven years, residing on the old homestead.

Six children were born to them, namely: James; Nannie, Mrs. Rufus Neely; William; Mattie, Mrs. Hodges; Joseph; Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have seven children, namely: Herschel, Ethel, Nannie, Horace, Harry, and Mary and Milton, twins.

THOMAS R. STONE.

Thomas R. Stone, a successful and well known farmer of Hickman county, Kentucky, was born in that county October 28, 1851, and is a son of James A. and Sarah A. (Gwyn) Stone, the former of whom was born in Todd county, Kentucky, while the latter was born in Sumner county, Tennessee. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Stone, was born in Rockingham county, North Carolina, and was of Scotch ancestry. The maternal grandfather, John Gwyn, was born in the same county and state, but came of Welsh ancestry, and he participated in the war of 1812 under Andrew Jackson and was in the battle of New Orleans. Thomas Stone was educated at Richmond, Virginia, and taught school until his health failed, when he became a farmer. He was justice of the peace for the Clinton district from 1851 to 1871, and then declined to serve any longer.

James A. Stone was a wagon-maker by trade, but did not follow his calling to any great extent, making farming his chief business in life. From the time he was ten years of age he lived in Hickman county, Kentucky, his parents having come here in 1838. He was one of the stanch Democrats in that locality. His death occurred July 15, 1901, when he was seventy-one years of age, and he died firm in the faith of the Methodist church. The mother is still living, aged seventy-eight years, and makes her home with our subject. Six children were

born to the parents, namely: Thomas R.; Mary M., deceased, married W. J. Jackson; Edna O., who married J. M. Henderson; Henry B., deceased; Sarah N., who married N. B. Elliott; Virginia, deceased.

Thomas R. Stone was reared and educated in his native county. He has always followed farming, and now owns a fine farm of sixty acres in Hickman county, Kentucky. His start in life was a small one, but he and his wife economized and contrived and are now well provided for. In politics, like his father, he is a Democrat, and is a Methodist.

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In 1888 he was married to Miss Eudora Phillips, who was born in Carroll county, Tennessee. Her parents moved to Fulton county, Kentucky, when she was quite small, and she gained her education in the public schools there. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stone, namely: Henry, deceased; Mary, Ruth, James E., John R., Clarence, Mattie B., Frances. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stone are noted for their many excellent qualities, and their devotion to each other and their children.

GEORGE W. REEVES.

The true measure of success is determined by what one has accomplished, and, as taken in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, there is particular interest attaching to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the county where he has passed most of his active life, and so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Ballard county. He is now successfully practicing law in Wickliffe, where he has resided since 1897, and previously he was a legal practitioner at Blandville.

Mr. Reeves was born in Ballard county, February 10, 1847, and is descended from an old Virginia family. His paternal grandfather, George Reeves, was born and reared in Virginia, and after his marriage brought his family to Kentucky, spending his remaining days in Warren county, this state. His son, Colonel William H. Reeves, the father of George W. Reeves, was born in Virginia, and with his parents went to Warren county in his early boyhood. In 1828 he removed to the district of the state known as Jackson Purchase, now Ballard county, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of the locality. By occupation he was a farmer, and throughout the locality was known as Colonel Reeves, being an influential and prominent citizen, who largely aided in molding public thought and action. He married Nellie B. White, a daughter of Rev. Willis White, a prominent early preacher of Kentucky and the father of Hon. James Dempsey White, ex-judge of the appellate court of Kentucky. To the parents of our subject were born the following children: Mary E., who is the wife of Dr. Charles Hinkle, of Hinkleville, Kentucky; George Willis; Susan J., now the wife of Hon. W. J. Puckett, of Colorado; William T., of Pocatello, Idaho; Martha H., deceased, was the wife of Rev. W. W. Morris, of Paducah, Kentucky; Fannie B., the wife of Thomas Miller, of Denver, Colorado; and Robert L., who is the president of the First National Bank of Paducah, Kentucky. The father died in 1889, at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother died in 1880, when fifty-eight years of age.

Upon the home farm George Willis Reeves remained until seventeen years of age, and in the meantime acquired a good literary education in the common schools and in Woodside Seminary. He then took up the study of law and at the age of twenty years was admitted to the bar, and has been engaged in active practice continuously since. He

resided and practiced in Blandville until 1879, and was then elected to represent the second senatorial district of Kentucky in the state senate, where he served for four years. He afterward filled the position of assistant clerk of the senate during one session. In 1884 he removed from Kentucky to Missoula, Montana, where he was twice elected judge of the probate court of the county, defeating a Republican candidate of marked popularity and prominence. In 1897 he returned to his native state, taking up his abode in Wickliffe, which in the meantime had become the county seat of Ballard county, and here he has since practiced with excellent success, his business constantly increasing in volume and importance. The favorable judgment which the world passed upon him in his early years has never been set aside or in any degree modified. It has, on the contrary, been emphasized by his careful conduct of important litigation, his candor and fairness in the presentation of cases, his zeal and earnestness as an advocate, and the general commendation he has received from his contemporaries.

In 1870 Mr. Reeves wedded Miss Mary E., daughter of Judge Charles S. Marshall, of Paducah, Kentucky. She died in 1889, leaving three living children: Emily M., who is the wife of Arthur McKeon, of Bonner, Montana; Alice, the wife of Henry A. Stuart, of Missoula, Montana; and Katie. In 1895 Mr. Reeves married Mrs. Alice F. Jenkins, a daughter of Henry Lacy, of Lafayette, Kentucky.

The Judge is quite prominent in civil societies, being a popular and active representative of various organizations which have for their object mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness as well as sociability. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order

of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters, and is also connected with the Knights of the Maccabees. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church.

CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON.

Christopher C. Jackson, one of the prosperous farmers of Hickman county, Kentucky, was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, December 8, 1837, a son of William S. and Mary (Farmer) Jackson. The parents were born in South Carolina, and the paternal grandfather, Nathan Jackson, came of English ancestry. The maternal grandfather was Absolom Farmer, and he was born in South Carolina. William Jackson was a farmer, and from boyhood lived in Hickman county, having been one of the first settlers of this county. During his long life there he underwent all the sufferings and privations incident to the life of a pioneer. He died about 1867, aged sixty-five years, a stanch Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. The mother died in 1893, aged seventy-three years. Sixteen children were born to them, namely: Christopher C., John, Henry, Thomas J., Benjamin J., Elizabeth and an infant, deceased; Owen, Willis, Thomas, Harriet and five infants, all deceased.

Christopher C. Jackson grew up in his native county, and had but few opportunities of securing an education. Still, by close application he has been enabled to raise himself in the world and to become one of the leading farmers of his locality. At present he owns and operates one hundred and three acres of land, having recently sold fifty acres, and his farm is pleasantly situated on the Clinton and Mayfield road, not far from Clinton. Here he has resided for fifty-two years, and naturally

is very much attached to his home. He started out in life with one horse, and acquired his present property through industry and good management. Like his father he is both a Democrat and a Baptist.

He married Miss Rosana J. Bugg, who was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, of an excellent family. Her death occurred August 1, 1896, when she was fifty-five years of age. The children of this marriage were as follows: William S., John H., deceased, James E., George B., deceased, Thomas W., Martha, now Mrs. W. H. Biasie, Mary L., now Mrs. Samuel Berry, Eugenia, now Mrs. Willard Parrott, Rosa B., now Mrs. William Greer.

GEORGE C. WALLACE.

There is no business man of Paducah better known or more closely identified with business and industrial affairs than is George C. Wallace, whose name forms the caption of this article.

Mr. Wallace was born in the city of Paducah, April 23, 1860, and is a son of Philip H. and Fannie (Woolfolk) Wallace, his father born in Christian county, Kentucky, and his mother in Shelbyville, Kentucky. Philip H. Wallace was prepared for the profession of law at the law school of Louisville, Kentucky, and practiced law till the close of the war between the states; however, during four years of the fierce and dark conflict he served in the Confederate army. In 1861 he enlisted in Company H, Leigh's Kentucky Regiment. He was made captain on enlistment and held the rank of major at the close of his services. Subsequent to the war he was interested in farming several years, but many years in later life he spent in retirement. He was a stanch Democrat, and served one term as county clerk. He was a

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member of the Episcopal church, while his wife, who survives, has long been a member of the Christian church. He died in 1901, aged sixty-seven years. His widow makes her home with our subject, who is her only living child.

George C. Wallace grew to manhood in Paducah, and in private and public schools gained a fair literary education. His first business experience was with the Paducah Furniture Manufacturing Company, with which concern he was identified for a period of four years. For three years thereafter he was secretary and treasurer of the Paducah Milling Company. He next engaged in the manufacture of vinegar, but in 1897 he became manager of the Paducah City Railway Company, a position he has since held. Mr. Wallace has diversified interests, being connected with numerous enterprises of Paducah. Of many of these industrial and business concerns he has been a promoter and organizer. In this wise he has materially contributed to the upbuilding of his native city; in the welfare of which he takes active and just pride.

October 5, 1883, Mr. Wallace married Miss May Wisdom, daughter of the late B. H. Wisdom, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Wallace's mother bore the maiden name of Belle Saffarans, and she was a native of Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace five children have been born, namely: Robert W., Frances, George C., Benjamin Hugh and Philip H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are consistent and active members of the Christian church, and are numbered among members of the better circles of society in Paducah. He is a Knight Templar Mason, also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Ancient Order of United Workmen; and is one of Paducah's most popular citizens.

B. H. WISDOM.

In the Paducah *Daily Register,* dated October 29, 1896, appeared the following obituary of the subject of this sketch:

Mr. B. H. Wisdom died at 5:30 last night at his home on Jefferson street after a brief illness. He was on the streets last Saturday. On Sunday he complained of not feeling well, and on Monday he took to his bed. Dangerous symptoms did not develop, however, until yesterday morning, when he was seized with a severe rigor and became unconscious, sinking rapidly until the end.

His death was due to a general breaking down of the system, incident to old age, he being in his seventy-eighth year. He had been in bad health for a year or two, but rallied during the summer, and hence his death came at the present time as an unexpected shock to his family and friends.

Mr. Wisdom was born January 19, 1819, near Bowling Green, in Caroline county, Virginia. His father moved to Kentucky about 1827, settling near Trenton, in Todd county. Before he was of age, Mr. Wisdom went to Trenton and became a clerk in a store, and showed such business sagacity that in a few years he was admitted to partnership with his employer, Stakely Wagner. The firm was eminently successful and soon ventured into the buying of tobacco for the English market. In this Mr. Wisdom, though still a very young man, displayed remarkable judgment, and thus began the foundation for his large fortune. For many years past he has been reputed the wealthiest man in Kentucky, and through all his career he was noted for his close attention to business, honesty, strict integrity and fair dealing.

Mr. Wisdom had a remarkable business career. After continued

success in the tobacco trade at Trenton, he was called to the cashiership of the Bank of Tennessee, at Clarksville, in which position he continued until the breaking out of the Civil war. About that time he invested largely in tobacco, which he stored in New Orleans and sold afterward at an enormous profit. During the war he took up his residence in New York, where he was engaged in the brokerage business, being a member of the firm of Norton, Slaughter & Company. This was a profitable venture also, and when he left New York in 1866 he was worth over a quarter of a million dollars. He came to Paducah in that year and engaged in banking with Mr. William Norton, the firm being Norton, Wisdom & Company. For many years this was one of the noted financial institutions of the state. In addition to the banking business, Mr. Wisdom engaged extensively in the purchase of tobacco, and, being a man of shrewd judgment and large resources, managed to make many fortunate investments in Kentucky's staple product. He also made large investments in real estate, both here and elsewhere. In some of these, subsequent developments showed that he had foresight little less than marvelous. Until the city of Duluth, Minnesota, began to grow and became a city of vast importance, even his most intimate friends did not know that years before he had bought large bodies of land in that vicinity at a very small price. When the city sprang up almost as if by magic, Mr. Wisdom's property came into demand, and he sold much of it at figures that seem fabulous. A little later on a new town sprang up at the mouth of Brazos river, in Texas, where enterprising individuals had made a deep water harbor on the gulf coast without asking the aid of the government. Mr. Wisdom had years before bought much land there, which was thus thrown on the market and increased his

fortune. He made many other real estate investments, and much of his wealth is now represented in lands.

He maintained sole management of his affairs until about a year ago, when his health broke down. Not many years ago he made thirty thousand dollars in one year in tobacco, purchasing over a thousand hogsheads and holding for an unprecedented advance.

Mr. Wisdom leaves three daughters, Mrs. George C. Wallace, Mrs. Rev. W. E. Cave and Miss Belle Wisdom, of this city. His wife died about fourteen years ago. His only son, Norton Wisdom, died about eight years ago, leaving one child, Henry, now aged twelve, and residing at Fourney, Texas. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. George G. Mimms and Mrs. Agnes Ohlman, both of Hampton, Tennessee.

Mr. Wisdom was not a church member, nor did he hold relations with any of the secret societies. He was a man who was upright in his dealings with his fellow man. Though seeking few friendships, and of a retiring disposition, he was courteous to all. He will be greatly missed in Paducah.

JAMES THOMAS POTTER.

James Thomas Potter, one of the substantial and representative citizens of McCracken county, Kentucky, a large landowner and a successful farmer, was born November 11, 1837, in McCracken county. He is a son of James and Mary Anna (Curby) Potter, the former of whom was born in Warren county and was a son of William Potter. William Potter was a native of North Carolina, who, in 1829, settled in McCracken county, Kentucky, near Gum Springs, where he became a well known farmer. James Potter died in 1882. In politics he was a Whig in early life, but later became a Democrat. Both he and wife

were consistent members of the Baptist church. She died in 1887. The children born to James Potter and wife were: William, of McCracken county; Nancy Mary, Lizzie Jane, Susan Emma, Virginia Anna and Pauline are all deceased; Samuel is a farmer of McCracken county; John H. is a resident of Tennessee; Joseph D. resides in Paducah; Laura is the wife of O. H. Oldham, a farmer of Ballard county, Kentucky; and Monroe A. is a well known farmer of McCracken county.

James Thomas Potter, who completes the family, was reared and educated in his native county. In 1861 he enlisted for service during the Civil war, and continued to serve until 1865. After its close he engaged in farming for five years in Warren county, and then returned to McCracken county, where he has become one of the largest farmers and most prominent citizens. Mr. Potter owns a fine estate of five hundred acres. When he started out in life it was as a poor man, and he has accumulated a large property through his own efforts, being a self-made man in every sense of the term.

In 1861 Mr. Potter married Sarah Jane Keith, who was born in Tennessee. The children born to this union are: Lee D., who is the present very efficient sheriff of McCracken county; Mary Duke, who is the wife of Edgar Sublette, a farmer in Hickman county, Kentucky; and James J. and Lena T., who reside in McCracken county. In politics our subject is a Democrat. He is a member of the Baptist church at Olivet.

JAMES HAWKINS WRAY.

James Hawkins Wray was a representative resident and farmer of Hickman county, Kentucky. He was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, September 4, 1809, and was a son of Jonathan and Nancy

(Rodgers) Wray, both born in West Virginia. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Wray, served in the Revolutionary war. His maternal grandfather, Stephen Rodgers, was born in Virginia.

The father of our subject was a farmer and made his home in Tennessee, and lived and died a Democrat. His death occurred when he was seventy years of age, and the mother's when she was eighty-three years. The following children were born to them, namely: Stephen, Archibald, Thomas, Jonathan, Simpson, Sallie, William, Pollie and Lucinda.

James H. Wray was reared and educated in Tennessee. After learning the trade of a brickmason, Mr. Wray began farming, and soon acquired an excellent farm. He was a Democrat in politics, and joined the Christian church early in life. His fraternal affiliations were with the Masonic order.

Mr. Wray was married to Mary Graham in Tennessee and she died a year after the marriage. Subsequently he removed to Calloway county, Kentucky, where he married Celia Horn Ward, who was born in Henry county, Tennessee, February 12, 1824. Eleven children were born to them, namely: Mary L., deceased; Nancy A., deceased; Fannie J., deceased; William W.; John A.; Thomas H.; James M.; Mary E.; Keron Ella; Zada A.; and Virginia E.

In 1850 he settled in Hickman county, and here bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, a small portion of which was under cultivation, but by hard work upon it and at his trade he made a business success of life, and when he died, January 13, 1880, he left a good estate. His wife still survives, is in excellent health, and resides upon the old homestead. In life he was a kind neighbor, a good citizen and excellent Christian man, highly respected by those who knew him.

JOHN LLOYD DORSEY.

John Lloyd Dorsey was born December 17, 1853, in Henderson county, Kentucky. His father, John N. Dorsey, M. D., was a physician of superior merit, whose reputation enabled him to command an extensive practice. He was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, and was a representative of an honored pioneer family of this state that came from Maryland and located on the frontier. He wedded Miss Patsey R. Atkinson, who also belonged to an old family whose identification with the history of Kentucky covers a period from 1815 down to the present time. The ancestry were of Scotch-Irish origin, and the first of the name to cross the Atlantic to America became a resident of Virginia in 1790. Since that time many members of the family have become distinguished at the bar and in the council chambers of the nation.

Mr. Dorsey acquired his education in Bethel College, of Russellville, Kentucky, and after pursuing a course of law study in the office of Malcolm Yeaman, of Henderson, he was admitted to the bar in December, 1876. He at once located in the city of Henderson, which is still his home, and immediately entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, and has demonstrated his legal lore and his ability to handle successfully the intricate problems of the law by many successes at the bar, where he has met in forensic combat many of the most gifted representatives of his calling in this section of the state. In 1879 he was elected to represent his district in the general assembly, where he served for two years,—the youngest member of the legislature at that time. He was made chairman of the committee on county and city courts and was a member of the committees on judiciary and codes of practice. A close student of the questions and issues of the day and

of the policy of the different factions who advocated measures, he brought to bear upon all matters that came up for decision, calm deliberation and sound reasoning and his representation of Henderson and the adjoining territory was at once satisfactory to his constituents and beneficial to the state. He filled the office of council advisor to the city of Henderson for seven years—from 1886 to 1893—and was a candidate for the position of circuit judge of the fifth judicial district in 1892. There were then no party nominations and Mr. Dorsey polled a very complimentary vote; for his opponent, Judge M. C. Given, then the incumbent of the office, received a majority of only twenty-one, and the total number of votes cast was nearly nine thousand. He has the respect of the entire bar, and its members have the fullest confidence in his ability.

Mr. Dorsey has been interested in many of the most important cases that have come up for trial in Henderson since he was licensed to practice. As city counselor he was connected with the tax questions involving the right of the city of Henderson to tax the great railroad bridge crossing the Ohio river within the limits of the city, the most important of these coming up for hearing under the name of the Henderson Bridge Company versus the City of Henderson and Atkin versus the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. Mr. Dorsey was also engaged as counsel in the preliminary examination of what was known as the Delaney cases, involving a conspiracy to commit murder, these being the most celebrated cases in western Kentucky.

On the 10th of December, 1885, Mr. Dorsey was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Dixon, a daughter of Robert Dixon and Alice (Young) Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey have three children—Alice Young, John Lloyd and Nannie Dixon Dorsey.

Mr. Dorsey is an active participant in political affairs and espouses the cause of the Democracy. He has been a frequent representative of his county in the state conventions and has done effective service in the interest of the principles of Democracy by his earnest, eloquent and logical addresses in campaigns. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias fraternities. Mr. Dorsey is a man of strong will and indefatigable industry, quick at retort, fertile in resources in the trial of a case, and his extensive knowledge of the law and his ready application of it to the points in controversy have made him a successful practitioner.

JOHN BONE.

John Bone, one of the oldest citizens of Hickman county, Kentucky, was born in Tennessee, February 10, 1818, and is a son of John and Patsie (Overstreet) Bone. The father was born in Tennessee and the mother in Virginia. Mr. Bone's paternal grandfather was John Bone, a veteran of the Revolution. The family came to Hickman county in 1826, where the father engaged in farming and lived the rest of his life. During the war of 1812 he was a soldier in the second conflict with Great Britain. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Democrat. All of his manhood days he was a member of the Methodist church, and died as he lived, a Christian gentleman, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife survived him about twelve years, dying at the age of ninety years. They had seven children as follows: William, who died aged seventy-seven years; Charity, who died aged seventy years; Herbert, who did in infancy; John; Nancy, now aged seventy-seven years; Minerva, who died at the age of sixty-four years; Susan, who died at the age of forty-five years.

John Bone was reared in Hickman county and received a very limited education. As he inherited seventeen acres of land, he began farming upon the land, increasing his farm from time to time until he now owns over two hundred acres, nearly all under cultivation. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been a member of the Methodist church for nearly sixty-five years. His marriage occurred in 1837 to Millie Trafford, and three children were born to them, namely: Wesley E., James R. W. and William L. Mrs. Bone died, and later Mr. Bone married Mary C. Guyn, born in Henry county, Tennessee, and died September 4, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years. She bore her husband seven children, named as follows: Josephine, Harry M., Nancy S., Edward C., Elizabeth F., Mary A. and Luther.

JOHN SCHMIDT.

John Schmidt, one of the leading citizens of McCracken county, Kentucky, was born in this county, November 10, 1850, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Bauer) Schmidt, both natives of Germany, whence they came to America in 1848, settling in McCracken county, where they lived until their death, the father dying at the age of sixty-three years and the mother at the age of seventy-three years. The father was a blacksmith by trade and followed his craft during his residence in McCracken county, living within four miles of the city of Paducah. He was possessed of many good traits of character, was a loyal and law-abiding citizen and a Christian gentleman. Both he and his wife were members of the German Lutheran church, and were universally respected by all who knew them. In politics he was a Repub-

lican. These worthy citizens had born to them a family as follows: John H., deceased, Andrew, John, William, George, Henry, Frederick, Annie and Maggie.

John Schmidt was born and reared in McCracken county, and here he has resided all of his life, receiving a common school education and being brought up to work upon the farm. In late years he has made a specialty of gardening, and owns a well improved farm of fifty acres, on which he resides, near the city of Paducah on the Mayfield road. In politics Mr. Schmidt is a stanch Republican, and in religious matters is a member of the German Lutheran church.

In 1885 Mr. Schmidt married Miss Henrietta Hertzog, also a native of McCracken county, and five children have been born to them, namely: Rosa, Marie, Adolph, Louise and Lillie. Mr. Schmidt is one of the respected citizens of McCracken county, and is highly esteemed for his thrift and energy, and is honored in having made a success of his farming operations.

WILLIAM SAMUEL DYCUS.

William Samuel Dycus, of Kuttawa, Lyons county, Kentucky, was born at Dycusburg, Crittenden county, Kentucky, July 5, 1857, and is a son of William E. and Martha Louise (Cassidy) Dycus. The father was born in Tennessee, and died when our subject was a child. The mother was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, and survived her husband many years. These parents had three children, namely: Mollie, Frank and William Samuel.

These children were all reared at Dycusburg, which town was founded by their uncle, Berry Dycus, and they were educated in the common schools. When William was a lad of sixteen years he clerked

in a store, continuing at Dycusburg thus engaged for four years. He resided there until 1882, having business interests in raising tobacco, farming and milling, and being a member of the firm of S. H. Cassidy & Company. In 1882 he located in Kuttawa, where he has since made his home.

In 1881 Mr. Dycus married Miss Bobbie Paine, who died in 1899, leaving four children, May Lou, Leo F., Ray B. and Catherine. Politically he is a Democrat, but does not aspire to office. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arch Masons and the Order of Elks. He is one of the leading men of Kuttawa, and has a host of warm personal friends throughout the county, where he is so well and favorably known.

JEFFERSON T. SHERRELL.

Jefferson T. Sherrell, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Green county, Kentucky, May 22, 1819, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Jones) Sherrell, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky. His paternal grandfather was born in North Carolina, and after serving in the Revolutionary war settled in Kentucky, where he died, being more than one hundred years old at the time of his death. The mother of our subject was born in Warren county, Kentucky, and was a most excellent lady. William Sherrell was a horse dealer in early life. Later in life he became a shoemaker, and followed that occupation for a good many years. His wife died in Montgomery county, Tennessee, in 1832, and the father died in Warren county, Kentucky, in 1842.

The early life of Jefferson T. Sherrell was spent in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he was reared and obtained a common school educa-

tion. In August, 1846, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Sanders, the ceremony being performed in Tennessee. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sherrell made their home in Christian county, Kentucky, until 1848, when they came to McCracken county, where he operated a country blacksmith shop between Paducah and Blandville till in 1850, when he removed to Paducah. In Paducah he operated a blacksmith shop until about 1875, when he embarked in a grocery business. Continuing in that line until 1881, he retired from active business and is now living retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrell were the parents of two children, both of whom are living, viz.: Mrs. Mary J. Edwards and James William Sherrell, the latter of whom is a well known and successful business man of Paducah. Mr. Sherrell is a Republican in politics, but in local matters casts his vote for the man he considers the best for the office. He cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, and continued to support the Whig ticket until after the war. Fraternally he is a Master Mason.

FRANCIS EUGENE GRAVES.

Francis Eugene Graves, one of the leading attorneys of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Crittenden county, Kentucky, June 20, 1871, and is a son of William S. and Helen A. (Shelby) Graves, both natives of Kentucky, the father being born in Marion county, and the mother in Crittenden county. The paternal grandfather was William Graves of Kentucky, and the family is one of the old and aristocratic ones of the state. The father was a prominent physician, who moved from Lebanon to Clinton, Kentucky, and thence to Dycusburg, where he continued in active practice until his death in 1902, when he was eighty-

one years of age. The mother died in 1894, aged fifty-nine years. In politics the father was a strong Democrat, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic church.

Of the seven children born to his parents, Mr. F. E. Graves is the youngest now living, three having died in childhood. Mr. Graves was reared and educated in Dycusburg, and, then going to Paducah, studied law with Rhey Boyd, being admitted to the bar in 1894. In 1897 he was elected county attorney, and re-elected to the same office in 1901, being its present incumbent, and a stanch supporter of the principles of Democracy. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHARLES HAYS BROTHERS, M. D.

Charles Hays Brothers, M. D., of Paducah, is a native of Tennessee. He was born on his father's farm in Rutherford county on July 13, 1850. His parents were Jackson Carroll and Margaret (Edmondson) Brothers, both natives of Tennessee. The father was born in Rutherford county, January 9, 1815, and lived to a ripe old age, dying in Nashville in 1897, at the home of his daughter. He was a son of John and Mary (Loftin) Brothers. His father was a native of Scotland and emigrated to the United States with two brothers. He married Mary Loftin in North Carolina, her native state, and settled in Rutherford county. He was a pioneer of that part of Tennessee, and in those early days was a trader among the Indians, whose good will he gained and with whom he stood in popular favor. He also stood high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and was a man of sterling qualities. By occupation he was a farmer, and lived many years in Rutherford

county, where he died. His wife came of an old and highly respected family of North Carolina, and possessed many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

Jackson Carroli Brothers, father of Dr. Brothers, was reared upon a farm in Rutherford county and was a farmer. His wife was born in Williamson county, Tennessee, a daughter of "Blockhouse" John Edmondson, who was so called because he kept a blockhouse which served as a place of protection from the Indians. He was a native of Virginia, and his father was a prominent character of the Old Dominion, serving several years in the state legislature. The maternal grandmother of our subject was a Miss Hays, a native also of Virginia and of Irish extraction, but the Edmondson family is of English origin.

To Jackson C. and Margaret (Edmondson) Brothers were born four sons and two daughters, of whom a son and a daughter are deceased. The mother passed away prior to the Civil war. She was a woman of strong force of character and transmitted her excellent traits of character to her children. The father was possessed of strong intellectuality and bore an important part in the development of his native county and state. To their children these worthy parents left the rich heritage of untarnished names and the blessings of well spent lives.

Dr. C. H. Brothers was reared upon the farm, and attended subscription schools, and then pursued the study of medicine first under his uncle, Dr. J. B. Owen, of Williamson county, Tennessee, and later in the medical and surgical department of the University of Tennessee at Nashville, whence he was graduated in March, 1872. Locating in McCracken county, Kentucky, about ten miles west of Paducah, he began his professional career a little more than thirty years ago. All

of this time has been spent in McCracken county. In 1890 he changed his place of residence, removing to Paducah, where he has since made his home, and he has always enjoyed an excellent practice. For a long time he has been a member of McCracken County Medical Society and of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, and has served the latter as president. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and has taken all the degrees in that order. Politically he is a stanch Democrat. He has never sought political preferment, but for eight years served as county physician. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is numbered among the best citizens of Paducah.

In 1880 Dr. Brothers was married to Miss Nellie Temple, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. J. N. Temple, of the Episcopal church. Mrs. Brothers is a lady of culture, and both she and her husband are held in the highest esteem and respect by a wide circle of friends.

WILLIAM FRANCIS BRADSHAW.

William Francis Bradshaw, attorney-at-law, and a prominent resident of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Christian county, Kentucky, June 13, 1849, a son of Albert and Marianna (Rumsey) Bradshaw, both natives of Christian county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was Edward Bradshaw, a native of Kentucky, and a son of Benjamin Bradshaw, a native of Virginia. Albert and Marianna Bradshaw were Presbyterians in religion, and they had but two children, Edward R., of Paducah, and William F.

William F. Bradshaw was only about six years of age when he came to McCracken county, and has always made his home here. His education was obtained in the public schools and the University of

Mississippi, from which he was graduated in 1872. Mr. Bradshaw studied law in Paducah and was admitted to the bar in 1874, and began practicing in Paducah.

From 1878 to 1882 he was county attorney; from 1884 to 1892 he was county treasurer, and commonwealth attorney of the second judicial district in 1892 and served until 1897, when he was re-elected for a second term. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and takes an active part in local matters.

In Christian county, Kentucky, Mr. Bradshaw was married to Miss Virginia E. Wheeler, and they have two children: W. F., Jr., and Frances Elouise. W. F. Bradshaw, Jr., was born in Paducah, Kentucky, September 17, 1878, and educated in the city and at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, from which he graduated. He then studied law and after a year spent at Columbia University, New York, was admitted to the bar in 1900.

In addition to his other interests Mr. Bradshaw, Sr., is director in the American-German National Bank, and is a very popular and prominent business man, attorney and politician.

MAJOR THOMAS E. MOSS.

Major Thomas E. Moss was born in Greensburg, Green county, Kentucky, March 14, 1839, and is a son of Thomas S. F. and Judith C. (Bullock) Moss, the former of whom was a native of Perryville, Kentucky. When the father was a young man he came to Kentucky, was married, and died there when about sixty-three years old. He served as captain in the war of 1812, and lived many years in Greensburg.

Thomas E. Moss was reared in Greensburg. His education was received in the common schools and at Columbia College, Adair county, Kentucky. In 1858 he came to Paducah to take up the study of law, later he entered the Louisville law school, from which he was graduated in 1860.

At that time he opened an office at Paducah, but the war breaking out, in 1861, he entered as a private in Company A, Second Kentucky Infantry, Confederate army, and served throughout the entire war. He was made sergeant major of the regiment soon after its organization at Camp Boone, and was promoted adjutant of the regiment for gallantry soon after the battle of Fort Donelson, and in 1863 was made major of infantry. He participated in many of the important battles, and after the close of the conflict returned to Paducah and resumed the practice of his profession. In 1869 he was sent to the state legislature, and again in 1881. In 1875 he was elected attorney general for Kentucky and served four years, ending in 1879. Since last serving in the legislature he has declined office, devoting himself to his profession, and has won distinction as a criminal lawyer and in cases involving titles. In former years he was identified with many of the public-spirited measures of Paducah, and latterly he has not been active in public affairs on account of declining years and health.

On February 28, 1871, he married Miss Margaret A. Bright, a daughter of the late Senator James B. Bright, of Indiana. Mrs. Moss is a native of Madison, Indiana. Four children have been born to them, namely: Jesse Bright Moss, a lawyer of Paducah; Thomas E., a physician and surgeon of Woodville, Kentucky; Marie Moss Wheat, of Salt Lake City, a lawyer by profession and was the second woman

admitted to the bar of Kentucky; Marrie Sue, who died at the age of eighteen months. Mr. Moss is a Knight Templar, and was formerly very active in that order.

LEVI N. GRAY.

Levi N. Gray, the successful farmer and dairyman residing about two miles from Mayfield, is a native Kentuckian and has passed his entire life in this state. Mr. Gray is a sterling and honored man who began life with disadvantages of a pecuniary nature, and who had to overcome the obstacles in the road of progress one by one and without any aid except providential care, and his own diligence and persistency. His early schooling was pretty well sandwiched between periods of hard work, and he started for himself by working for wages on a farm. His economy and definite purpose to acquire a home and independence gave him a substantial basis finally, and he has ever since been farming on his own account. Nine years ago he made a serious mistake, but has overcome the blunder, and regained his independence, so that he is now one of the prosperous and esteemed citizens of Graves county.

Mr. Gray is of Irish and Scotch descent, his paternal grandfather, Isaac Gray, being of Irish stock, and his maternal grandfather, James Cunningham, being Scotch and a native of Trigg county. William C. and Penelope (Cunningham) Gray, his parents, were both born in Trigg county, Kentucky, and the former was a farmer, making his home in Trigg county till his death, which occurred in 1863, when he was thirty-five years old. He was a member of the Baptist church and a Democrat in politics. He and his wife had five children; James; Isaac M.; Levi N.; Sarah, now Mrs. A. E. C. Birdsong; and William C.,

who died at the age of two years. Penelope Gray married, in 1865, Mr. Mickens Cunningham, of Trigg county, and of this union five children were born: Warren; Nellie, now Mrs. C. Birdsong; Alpha, Mrs. William Finley; Daniel W.; Zilpha, Mrs. Herschel Coulter. The mother of these children died in 1894.

Levi N. Gray was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, January 9, 1859. He lived in his native county until he was nineteen years old, and had scarcely any education up to that time. When he was only sixteen years old he began work on a farm, with the year's stipend fixed at fifty-five dollars, and for nearly eight years after this was engaged in similar work, finally receiving as much as thirty dollars a month and board. He had inherited some three hundred dollars, and this, with his savings, enabled him at the end of eight years to buy a farm, for which he paid one thousand dollars. Three years out of the eight he lived with a great uncle, as one of the family, and as a recompense (besides his clothing) for two years of this service, he was sent to the public school of his district about two and a half months each winter. This closed his schooling. But instead of galloping over the neighborhood at night and on Sundays, as the ordinary hireling does, he spent much of this time in studying, reading and writing.

For the last twenty years he has been a close student of the Bible, and is a man of undaunted faith in God and the Christ of the Bible. He has taken a willing and ready interest in the Christian religion in his community, and a great interest in the spread of the gospel. Considering his disadvantages and financial ability, he was perhaps the time being). He was elected the first Sunday-school superintendent, most prominent figure in the erection of a house of worship at Bethel, fourteen years ago, and was elected the first and only elder (for the

and holds this position at present. It is claimed that this congregation has the best school of any country church in the county. Their protracted meeting resulted in thirty-eight additions last summer, and nineteen additions this summer.

Mr. Gray is now the owner of a well improved, and, it is needless to say, a well cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres, a mile and a half from Mayfield. This proximity to the town makes his place a convenient location for a dairy, and in the spring of 1901 he established one, and this branch of his farming is also running successfully.

Mr. Gray is an adherent of the Democratic party, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church. January 20, 1887, he was married to Miss Isora Cloyes, who was born in Mayfield, May 30, 1864, and is the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Roxanna (Miller) Cloyes, both born and reared in Tennessee, the former of French stock and the latter of an old North Carolina family. Mr. and Mrs. Cloyes came to Mayfield before the war, and have resided there ever since. He was a merchant for many years, and is a blacksmith by trade. He is seventy-seven years old, and his wife sixty-nine, and both are members of the Christian church. Five of their nine children are living. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have been the parents of eight children: Cloyes William; Lillian; Lena, who died in infancy; Herman Lee; Maurice Pryor; Alice; Mary; Penelope. Mr. Gray and his wife are highly esteemed in their community, and the success which has followed his efforts has been honorably won and is well merited.

JOHN S. JACKSON, SR.

John S. Jackson, Sr., whose name introduces this biographical mention, is widely and favorably known throughout all western Kentucky. Mr. Jackson was born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 7, 1835. His parents were Samuel and Martha (Grainger) Jackson, both natives of England. Subsequent to their marriage they settled in Louisville, Kentucky, and thence removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and later located in St. Louis. Their youth had been spent in Ohio, in which state their parents settled on coming to this country. To this couple, both of whom are deceased, there were born the following children: William, deceased; William, of St. Louis county, Missouri; John, deceased; John S.; Mrs. Annie Chandler, of Mountain Grove, Missouri; George W., of Paducah, Kentucky; and James, of St. Louis county, Missouri. Soon after locating at St. Louis, the father engaged in the brewery business. This form of business he suspended about 1838, and for some ten years served as policeman in that city. Later he removed to a farm near St. Louis, and was farming when his death occurred, when aged about seventy years.

In St. Louis John S. Jackson was reared and educated. He learned the trade of a machinist and foundryman. Leaving that city, he landed in Paducah, September 10, 1856, where for five years, or till 1861, he was foreman in a foundry and machine shop. For two years thereafter he worked in St. Louis again, but in 1863 returned to Paducah. Soon thereafter he and an associate, Mr. Linning, established a foundry and machine shop in Paducah, and from that time to now Mr. Jackson has been in this line of business in this city.

For several years the business has been owned and conducted by

the Jackson Foundry Company, his sons, William and John S., Jr., and Paul, being associated with him in the business. May 7, 1857, Mr. Jackson married Miss Caroline McGee, a native of Tennessee. To the marriage were born eight children, of whom three are deceased. Those living are William, John S., Jr., and Paul, who are associated in business with their father; Katie; and Harry B. The last named is an electrician of Chicago.

Mr. Jackson is an ardent Democrat, and in 1868 was elected a member of the city council, and again was elected to this office in 1874. He is a Master Mason, and also a member of the Knights of Honor. His life has been an active one, and though he began it under disadvantages he has led a successful career, and to-day enjoys prosperity, and also universal confidence of a large circle of acquaintances.

JAMES C. UTTERBACK.

James C. Utterback, a prosperous and substantial business man of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in that city, November 7, 1872, a son of Robert C. and Mary (Eden) Utterback, the former of whom was born in Murray, Calloway county, in 1843, and died April 15, 1902; the latter was born in Mayfield, Graves county, in 1844, and died in 1891, and she and Robert C. Utterback were married in McCracken county. The father came to Paducah when a young man and became financially interested in the steamboat Ollie Sullivan, and also was prominent politically, being county assessor for six or seven years, and deputy sheriff of the county. Prior to accepting the latter office he was a member of the firm of Utterback & Holland, retail grocers.

James C. Utterback obtained an excellent early education in the public schools of Paducah, and in 1888, at the age of sixteen years, began work as a messenger in the City National Bank, of which institution he is now the cashier. Step by step he was promoted, until in 1896 he was made teller and assistant cashier, and in 1899 became the cashier. In addition, he is interested in the Palmer Hotel and Kentucky Opera House, an incorporated company, and is secretary and treasurer of that concern. He is also a director and treasurer of the News-Democrat Publishing Company, publishers of the leading evening paper of the city. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Knights and Ladies of Honor, and is treasurer of both lodges; is also a member of the Maccabees and Modern Woodmen. In politics he is a Democrat, and served one year as school trustee from the second ward. During his term of office he was chairman of the finance committee. Mr. Utterback has also served as a member of the state election commission, and is a member of the official board of the First Christian church, and is very prominent in that body.

In 1894 he was married to Lena Yancey, a native of Hopkinsville, and four children have been born to them, namely: Mary Ruth, who died, aged four years; J. Palmer; James C., Jr.; and Lena. Mr. Utterback is essentially a self-made man, and his remarkable success may be attributed directly to his energy and determination to carry through any enterprise he may undertake. Not only has he achieved distinction as a financier and business man, but he has made friends everywhere, and is one of the most popular men in Paducah.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH H. FOWLER.

Captain Joseph H. Fowler is widely and favorably known among navigators of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries, and scarcely less well known by men of business affairs in towns and cities situated on these rivers, his acquaintance extending throughout a wide territory, and he is held in high esteem by all. The Captain is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Livingston county, April 26, 1833, and comes of an old and distinguished family of that state. His parents were the late Judge Wiley P. and Arminta (Given) Fowler, the former of whom was one of the noblest of men, an able and brilliant lawyer and jurist of Kentucky.

He was a native of Smith county, Tennessee, born in the year 1799, and was a son of Godfrey Fowler, a native of South Carolina, of English descent, and a pioneer of Tennessee, whose many virtues and great ability made him a highly respected citizen of the several communities in which he made his home.

Judge Fowler married Arminta Given, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Dickson G. Given, also a native of Kentucky and of Scotch-Irish extraction. In early life they resided at Smithland, but later located in Paducah. Five children were born to them, namely: Dickson G., Joseph H., J. W., W. P. and L. A. Early in life Judge Fowler embraced the profession of a lawyer, and soon rose to prominence among the members of the bar of Kentucky. In 1840 he was appointed judge of what was then the first judicial district of Kentucky, and extended from Henderson to Hickman, but later changes were made in the judicial district. For thirty-five years he remained on the circuit court bench, retiring about 1875. As a jurist he won an

enviable reputation. He possessed a clear, analytical mind, and had a profound knowledge of the law. He presided over the court with a dignity well worthy of the ermine he wore. His decisions were characteristic of justice, equity and a thorough knowledge of the law involved. He left to the rising generations a life record well worthy of emulation, and to his family the richest of heritages, that of an honored and untarnished name. In 1880 he passed away in death, having lived a little more than four-score years, being eighty-one years old at the time of his demise. His remains were borne to Smithland, his former home, and there interred, the last sad rites being performed by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was an honored member. Judge Fowler was revered and loved by all who knew him, and in his death there passed away one whose life had graced the community and enriched the biographical annals of the state in which he had lived.

Captain Joseph H. Fowler was reared in Princeton, Kentucky, and there educated in Cumberland College. In 1849, when only sixteen years of age, he started in life for himself, beginning what has been an unbroken, eventful and successful life in the wharf and steamboat business. For years he has been a conspicuous figure among those interested in navigation upon the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Among the many financial and industrial enterprises with which he has been identified may be mentioned: The Fowler Wharfboat Company, of which he is vice president; the Evansville, Paducah and Cairo Packet Line, of which he is president. To him and his associates is due much credit for the maintenance of river navigation, and among those who have contributed much toward the upbuilding of Paducah he has always been a prominent figure. His home has long been in the city,

and he has ever taken a deep interest in public affairs. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and for many years has served as chairman of the council of the city, having first been elected to the office in 1867. He is a member of the Methodist church, to which he is a very liberal contributor. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

In 1855 Captain Fowler and Miss Mattie E. Leech were married. She is a native of Livingston county, Kentucky, and with grace and fidelity has presided over his home. The following children were born to their marriage: Given, Mellie Arminta, Mattie, Josephine, Rose B. Mellie married Dr. F. T. Davis, who was a successful physician of Paducah, but died in 1888; Mattie married Cook Husbands, teller of the American-German National Bank of Paducah; while Josephine is the widow of E. M. Post, who was interested with the H. B. Claflin Company, of New York city, and died in 1900.

Captain Fowler has passed the three-score year and ten milestone of life, but is still a well preserved man and very active in business affairs. His has been a strenuous and useful life, and one filled with good deeds, great works, through which and his own pleasing personality he has made numerous friends.

LEE BALLOWE.

Lee Ballowe, who owns and resides upon a nice farm near Paducah, Kentucky, is a native of the neighboring state of Tennessee, where he was born in the year 1868. His parents, William and Martha (Brown) Ballowe, also were natives of Tennessee, and his father was

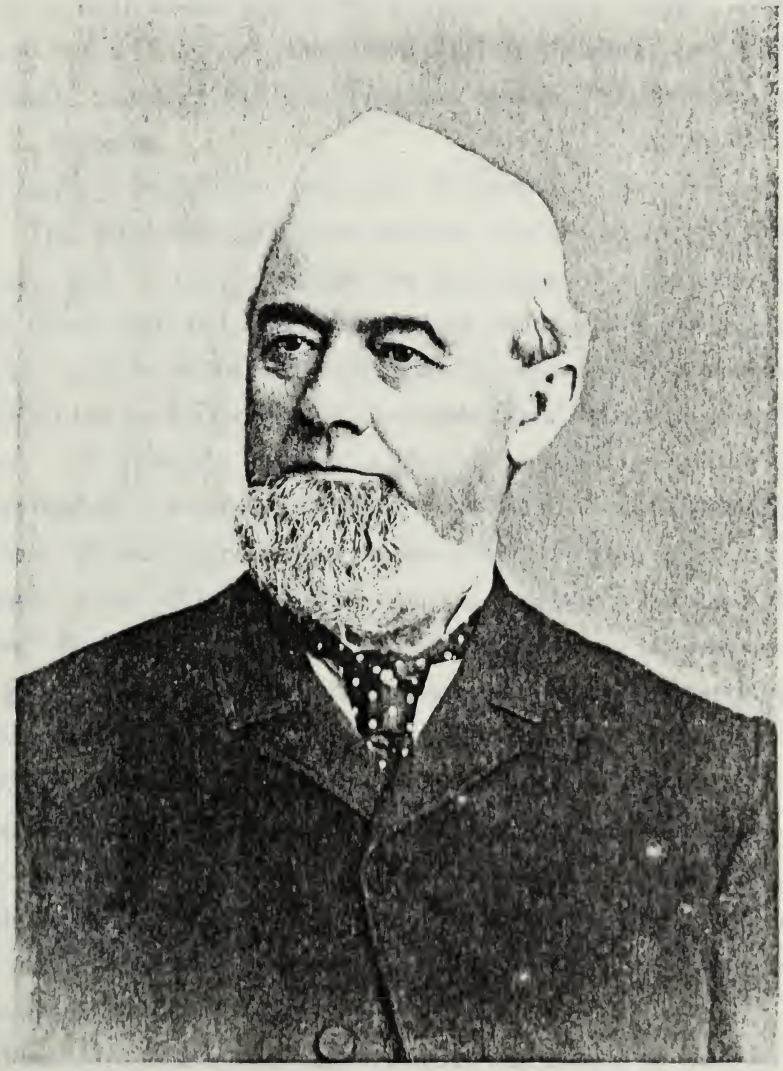
a carpenter and farmer in Tennessee and Kentucky, owning several large farms. He passed the latter part of his life in McCracken county, Kentucky, where he died at the age of fifty-six years.

The Ballowe family moved up into Kentucky when Lee was quite young, and in McCracken county he received his education. When he started out in life to do for himself he was at first engaged in the lumber business, and from this he directed his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. He is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres, and in connection with his farming is interested in stock-raising. Like his father before him, Mr. Ballowe is a Democrat and a public-spirited citizen, abreast with the times and well posted on public affairs.

In 1897 Mr. Ballowe married Miss Larah Collier, daughter of Thomas Collier, a prominent and wealthy farmer of McCracken county. Their marriage has been blessed in the birth of two children, Jewel Ethel and Earl.

THOMAS JEREMIAH ATKINS.

In point of duration of residence, Thomas J. Atkins is the oldest living male resident of Paducah, Kentucky, and he is also prominent as one of the most successful business men of the city. He is the son of Edmund and Lavina (Baugh) Atkins, both of whom were natives of the vicinity of Richmond, Virginia. Edmund Atkins was a cooper, and followed that occupation for many years of his life, although his last years were spent on a farm. He and his wife had settled in McCracken county, Kentucky, near Florence, ten miles south of Paducah, as early as 1836, and the farm there was Mr. Atkins' home till his death, in 1852. His wife died in Paducah in 1875. There were eight



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children in their family, but three of whom are now living: Thomas J.; Mrs. Sarah F. Agnew, the widow of J. W. Agnew, and residing in Paducah; and Mrs. Emily S. Williams, also in Paducah, the widow of B. R. Williams.

Thomas J. Atkins was born near Richmond, Virginia, March 12, 1829. His early education was obtained in the country schools of Kentucky, and, of course, he had the experience of farmer boy until he was fifteen years old. He then came to Paducah and was employed as a clerk until he was twenty-one, when he embarked in a mercantile venture on his own responsibility, for three years dealing in steamboat supplies. He evidently acquired a thorough knowledge of the craft of river boating, for some years later, from 1860 to 1862, he was captain of a boat, the Ashland, running between New Orleans and Camden, Arkansas. From 1864 to 1868 he was also engaged in dealing in boat supplies. But his special branch of commercial activity has been in the retail grocery line, and after thirty-five years of successful operations in that business he retired. He has also had experience as a wholesale grocer, and at present is carrying on a prosperous ice business, for the past ten years having been treasurer of the Paducah Ice Company, one of the leading firms in the city. In addition to this extensive activity in business circles, he is vice president of the American German National Bank, and was formerly a director and stockholder in the Globe Banking Company.

When Mr. Atkins first began considering politics he was an adherent of the Whig party and Henry Clay, but he is now a Democrat. During the fifties he was justice of the peace for eight years; was town marshal for two years, and city treasurer of Paducah one year, and since 1892 has been county treasurer. He was one of the first council-

men after Paducah was incorporated, and in many other ways not here enumerated has assisted in the development and prosperity of the city of his choice.

In 1850 Mr. Atkins was married to Christiana Elizabeth Jones, a native of Brunswick county, Virginia. She died in 1895 at the age of sixty-four, having been the mother of four children, only one of whom is now living, Edward L., who was born in Ballard county, Kentucky, during a temporary sojourn of his parents in that county, on June 1, 1862. He is now the cashier of the American German National Bank at Paducah. He married Miss Grace Greer, a daughter of Judge W. D. Greer, of Paducah.

In 1896 Mr. Atkins married Miss Florence Lee, a native of Kentucky and a most charming lady, but she died three years after her marriage, aged fifty years. Mr. Atkins is a member of the Broadway Methodist church, of which he is one of the trustees and stewards. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for fifty-one years, at present with Ingleside Lodge No. 195, has occupied all the offices in that body, and for the past six years was grand patriarch and grand representative to the grand lodge of the United States. He is also one of the trustees of the Odd Fellows' Widows' and Orphans' Home at Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Atkins is thus seen to be one of the prosperous citizens whose services have in more ways than one added to the wealth and upbuilding of Paducah, and the city honors him in proportion to his deeds.

JOHN G. MORTON.

John G. Morton, of Madisonville, Kentucky, is the wealthiest and one of the oldest citizens of Hopkins county. He is a native of the county and a member of one of the pioneer families of Kentucky, the Mortons having originally come to this country from Scotland and made settlement in Kentucky at an early day. Samuel Morton, the father of John G., was born in Jessamine county, this state, and in 1798 came with his father to Hopkins county, their location being at what has since been known as Morton's Gap. Here Samuel Morton built the first brick house in the county, which stands to-day as a landmark, and which, although over a hundred years old, is still in a good state of preservation. A man of sterling worth, Samuel Morton figured prominently in the affairs of the primitive settlement. Besides conducting his farm, he filled numerous official positions; was postmaster, mayor, sheriff and magistrate, and for many years filled the office of county judge. He died at the age of sixty-eight years, honored and respected by all who knew him.

John G. Morton was born in Hopkins county, June 8, 1822, the eldest of a family of eight children, and spent the first eighteen years of his life on his father's farm, his father then moving with his family to Madisonville. John G. early in life learned the secret of accumulating a fortune. He began work at twenty-five cents a day, and each day saved half of his earnings. When he was twenty he was made postmaster of Madisonville, and in connection with his duties as such conducted a grocery business. Two years later he was made constable and sheriff, and served a term of four years. After this he engaged in the dry-goods business, which he conducted off and on for about fifteen

years. When the Civil war broke out he commenced dealing in tobacco in connection with his other merchandising, and was very successful. Calico he bought at seven cents per yard and sold at twenty-five cents. In 1867 he opened a private bank, called the John G. Morton Bank, which was some years later organized as the Morton's Bank, and is still conducted as such. It is now the oldest banking establishment in western Kentucky, has a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and is under the direct management of Mr. Morton's son, William C., who is president of the company. Careful attention and good management characterized Mr. Morton's efforts, and in the various ventures in which he engaged he prospered, and to-day he is recognized as the wealthiest man and the largest taxpayer in the county.

Mr. Morton was married in 1846 to Miss N. E. Young, and six children came to bless their union, namely: Charles E.; David, deceased; Mollie, deceased; Helen, wife of John Hall; Lizzie, wife of Joel McPherson; and William C. Politically Mr. Morton is a Democrat. He is one of the stanch members and liberal supporters of the Christian church.

JOHN WINSTEAD OGILVIE.

One of Paducah's most distinguished citizens, who for many years was prominent in business and political affairs of western Kentucky, was the late John Winstead Ogilvie, who was born in Williamson county, Tennessee, December 28, 1825, and died at Paducah, Kentucky, February 7, 1900. He was of Scotch descent, and the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Winstead) Ogilvie, both natives of Tennessee. He was reared on a farm, and the education he received in those early days was rather limited, according to present-

day standards. In 1831 his father took the family to Calloway county, Kentucky, and five years later to McCracken county, of that state, where Lemuel Ogilvie passed away at the age of seventy-two years.

Mr. Ogilvie was a farmer by occupation, and his last days were spent on his fine place four miles out from the city of Paducah. But much of his life was spent in public service, and especially in the halls of the state capitol. He was a Democrat, and it was on the ticket of that party that he was chosen to represent the people in the legislature in 1864, and for fourteen years was in the lower branch. He was also state senator for ten years, being first elected in 1884, and re-elected for a second term. At the time of his election, the term of office having been changed by law, a long and a short term were created, and by lot Mr. Ogilvie chose the long term. He was an able legislator, and a good debater and speaker, giving formidable opposition or powerful support, according to his views on the matter under discussion.

In 1848 the Hon. Mr. Ogilvie was married to Miss Margaret Griffith, a native of Kentucky. By this union he had six children: Virginia, William H., Nannie, Lemuel B., John W. and Benjamin T. The mother of this family died in 1862, at the age of thirty-four, and in 1868 Mr. Ogilvie married Miss Carrie Bell, who is a native of Tennessee and is still living. She was the mother of two children, David Bell and Alpheus Hugh. Mr. Ogilvie was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and was honored in the fraternal fellowship of Masonry, and in all the departments of life in which he was called to perform his part his career was exemplary and one which reflects credit on his descendants.

Lemuel B. Ogilvie, the son of Hon. John Winstead Ogilvie by the

latter's first marriage, was born on a farm in McCracken county, Kentucky, December 15, 1856. He had a common school education, and became a dry-goods clerk in Paducah; he remained in the employ of C. J. Morton for seven years, and was then in the employ of W. H. Reicke & Son, retail dry-goods, for three years. In July, 1886, the retail dry-goods firm of L. B. Ogilvie & Company was organized, the company being William M. Reicke. The firm constructed a fine store building of four stories, and here they carry on a large business in dry-goods, notions, carpets, etc., ranking second to no other similar concern in this section of Kentucky.

Mr. Ogilvie was married in 1897 to Miss Elizabeth Temple Woolfolk, of Paducah, and they have one child, Lemuel B., Jr. Mr. Ogilvie is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a steward and otherwise active in religious work.

ROBERT A. BURGESS.

Robert A. Burgess, whose pleasant country home is near Cecil, Kentucky, and who is ranked with the representative citizens and prosperous farmers of McCracken county, dates his birth in Clarksville, Tennessee, in the year 1853.

Mr. Burgess is a son of W. F. and Venetia (Fitsworth) Burgess, who came to Kentucky when Robert A. was quite small, and settled in McCracken county. Their other children are William Burgess, M. D., a practicing physician of Johnstown, Illinois; Mack, a well-known farmer of McCracken county, Kentucky; and Viola, wife of Dr. Allison, of Paducah, Kentucky. The mother of this family died in 1901, at the age of fifty-one years.

After completing his schooling, Robert A. Burgess engaged in farming in McCracken county, starting out in life with no capital save good health, energy and ambition. With these he has made his way to success. He now owns a beautiful home, on a forty-acre tract of land, and in the western edge of the county he has one hundred and forty acres, all well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Burgess' family consists of wife and four children. He married, in 1882, Miss Ellen Stanley, daughter of Ephraim and Margaret Stanley, of McCracken county. Her brothers and sisters are Robert, William, Richard, George and Charlie Stanley, and Mrs. Lucy Williams, wife of Andrew Williams, a well known and successful farmer of McCracken county; and Miss Fannie Stanley, a popular school teacher of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess are the parents of the following children: William, Edgar, Eula May and Robert S.

Mr. Burgess is a man well posted on public affairs, and has always taken an active interest in local politics, affiliating with the Democratic party. In the year 1878 he was appointed deputy sheriff of McCracken county, to collect taxes, and served efficiently in that capacity.

WILLIAM W. GREER.

William W. Greer, a farmer and representative citizen of Fredonia, Kentucky, where he was born March 2, 1838, is a son of Thomas J. Greer, an old settler of Fredonia, born in Livingston county, Kentucky. Early in life the father learned the tailor's trade and moved to Tennessee, where he married, in Dover, Katherine Williams, born in

1810, in Livingston county. Six children were born to them, namely: James A.; Mary, deceased; William W.; Henry, deceased; Helen; Felix, all born in Kentucky. After his marriage the father moved to Fredonia, Kentucky, and remained until his death, in 1896. He also carried on a mercantile business, and became wealthy and prominent. In politics he was a Democrat, and took an active part in public affairs. Religiously he was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

William W. Greer has spent his life upon a farm, his first one being on Livingston creek, in Crittenden county, where he had one hundred and thirty acres, but after about six years he removed to the old homestead and remained there until his marriage in 1885. He was married to Mrs. Lucy Neel, widow of Elbert Neel, a native of Virginia and a resident of this county, who at the time of his death was a prominent merchant of Fredonia.

Lucy A. Matthews, daughter of W. W. Matthews, was born in Campbell county, Virginia, in 1840, twenty miles from Lynchburg, Virginia. She had seven brothers, all of whom fought in the Civil war, and one was killed. She was married to Elbert Franklin Neel in Montgomery county, Virginia, in March, 1857. Her children were: Mollie; W. L.; Robert; Albert; John; Clarence; Frank, deceased. By her second marriage she had Mollie, who married a wealthy farmer, T. G. Pettit, is now a widow, living on her farm, two miles from Princeton; W. L. traveled for Simmons Hardware Company, St. Louis, Missouri, ten years, and he and Albert are now traveling for Norvell Shapleagh, St. Louis; John travels for a house in Louisville, Kentucky; Clarence for McCormick Machine Company; Kirby is attending Princeton College, Kentucky. E. F. Neel was a merchant in Mechanicsburg, Virginia, when he was married.

Mr. Greer located on his present farm of thirty acres, and still owns his original farm. The house is a very large one, having been used many years ago as a tavern, and the stage coaches stopped at it at the same time. In politics Mr. Greer is a Democrat, while he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and he helped to build the present structure. Fraternally he is a Mason, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

WILLIAM S. MOORE.

William S. Moore, a highly esteemed and eminently successful business man and representative citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in McCracken county, Kentucky, in 1838, and is a son of Duncan James and Susannah (McNeill) Moore, the former of whom was born in Hopkins county, Kentucky, and the latter in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Austin Moore, was a native of North Carolina, of Irish descent, while the maternal grandfather, Hector McNeill, was born in Tennessee and was of Scotch descent. Duncan James Moore was a very successful farmer, was a Democrat and became very prominent in his party. In religious matters he was a Baptist, dying in that faith when sixty-six years of age, in 1875, while the mother died at the age of eighty-nine years, in 1901, she then being the second in point of years in the county. The children born to these worthy people were as follows: Nancy Jane Spence, Mary Ann Spence, William Samuel, Amanda M. Gilmore, John, Joseph F., James Louis, Martha Susannah Houser and Louise Joanna, and all were reared and educated in the schools of the county.

William S. Moore is a potter by trade, but for some years has not

followed his calling, he having been called upon to represent the Democratic party as county trustee of the county. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist church, in which he is very active.

In 1863 Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Satynah Augusta Morrison, who was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, in 1846, and she bore her husband the following children: John Lloyd Norton, Robert Emmitt, Clara Susan, Virgil Franklin, Henry Davis, Aubry Arlando and Lucie, all of whom were reared and carefully educated in McCracken county, Kentucky. Mr. Moore enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, and has many friends, not only in Paducah, but throughout the surrounding country.

CHARLES SMITH.

Charles Smith, one of the German-American residents and successful business men of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Germany, May 13, 1836. His parents were John and Katherine (Ellwanger) Smith, and both were born in Germany, where the father died at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother died at the age of ninety-two years, although prior to that time she had enjoyed good health. By occupation the father was a wine-maker, and was very successful as a business man of his locality.

Charles Smith was educated in his native land, but left it in 1855 for America, and upon reaching this country located in Louisville, Kentucky, entering the employ of Charles Fritz, a butcher. There he remained until 1858, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to engage with Charles Bremer in the same line, but after a year he went to New Orleans and made there a short stay. The yellow fever breaking out, he

removed to Paducah in that same year, and, being stricken down, lay in the marine hospital for several weeks, until his recovery, when he entered the employ of Henry Theobalt, a butcher, and remained with him until 1861; then he embarked in the same line for himself, in which he still continues, being now one of the leading butchers of Paducah.

In 1863 he married Miss Katherine Bayer, a daughter of John Bayer, a well known farmer of McCracken county, Kentucky. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith are as follows: John; Henry; Fred; George; Louise, a widow; Lena, the wife of Christ Kolb; and Rosa, wife of Isaac Anderson. Mr. Smith has long been recognized as one of the leading representatives of the commercial life of Paducah, and is a man who inspires fullest confidence, as well as draws to him friends in all walks of life.

DR. BENJAMIN F. EAGER.

Dr. Benjamin F. Eager, a prominent physician of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, belongs to an old and respected American family. According to tradition, two brothers, of English-Scotch origin, coming from Ireland, were the progenitors of the family in America. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Benjamin Eager, was a merchant in Swanton, Vermont. His grandmother was a Miss Smith, of Albany, New York. Fourteen children were born to this couple.

The father of Dr. Eager was Rev. E. C. Eager, a Baptist minister of Mississippi. He was born at Swanton, Vermont, and was educated at Madison University, Rochester, New York, graduating in both the literary and theological departments. He married Harriet Ide,

a daughter of Jacob Ide, of Passumpsic, Vermont. Mrs. Harriet (Ide) Eager was educated at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and Philadelphia. She was a cousin of the well known Baptist minister of Philadelphia, Dr. George B. Ide.

Shortly after their marriage, Rev. E. C. Eager and wife moved to Mississippi, where nine children were born to them, viz.: Ann J., the wife of John E. Moseley, died in 1883; William C., who died in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864, a member of the Sixteenth Mississippi Infantry Regiment; Rev. George B. Eager, who, after pastorates in Knoxville, Tennessee, Mobile, Anniston and Montgomery, Alabama, now occupies the chair of Biblical Introduction and Pastoral Duties in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. John H. Eager, a Baptist minister, for seventeen years a missionary in Italy, who now resides in Baltimore, Maryland, and is specially employed in the endowment work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kentucky; Patrick Henry Eager, president at one time of Brownsville (Tennessee) Female College, and Baylor Female College, at Belton, Texas, and professor of English in the University of Mississippi, at Oxford, and who now lives at Clinton, Mississippi, and is professor of English in Mississippi College; Harriet Ide Eager, who died in Clinton, Mississippi, at four years of age; Susan Eager, the wife of Rev. I. P. Trotter, pastor of the Baptist church at Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and Mary Manassa Eager, the wife of Rev. J. M. Joiner, pastor of the Baptist church at Elkton, Kentucky, formerly a missionary in North China, until broken health compelled his return to this country.

Dr. Benjamin F. Eager was the fourth child, and was born in Jefferson county, Mississippi, July 18, 1848. His life to early man-

hood was spent in Jefferson and Hinds counties. His education was obtained at Oakland College, near Rodney, and at Mississippi College, at Clinton, Mississippi. He graduated in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, in 1872, as the valedictorian of his class. He graduated in medicine, in 1877, from the Louisville Medical College, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Immediately after graduating he located near Newstead, seven miles southwest of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, for the practice of medicine, where he remained about four years.

He moved to Hopkinsville in 1881, and three months afterward was appointed second assistant physician of the Western Kentucky Asylum for the Insane, under the superintendency of the late Dr. James Rodman. Upon the retirement of Dr. Rodman, April 20, 1889, Dr. B. W. Stone was promoted to the superintendency, and Dr. Eager was promoted to first assistant physician, in which capacity he served until April 9, 1896, when he resigned, and re-entered general practice, in Hopkinsville, in partnership with Dr. T. W. Blakey.

Dr. Eager was married June 21, 1888, to Miss Carrie Downer, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Downer, of an old and highly respected family of Todd county, Kentucky. They have three children: Benjamin F., Jr., Louise Downer and Henry Ide. Dr. Eager is a member of the Christian County Medical Society, the Kentucky State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is an active member of the Baptist church, and has served for years as chairman of its board of deacons.

HENRY L. BRADLEY.

Henry L. Bradley, one of the successful young business men of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in this city, July 28, 1872, a son of William H. and Lucy C. (West) Bradley. The father is a native of Georgia, where he was born September 5, 1836, and when yet a child went with his parents to western Tennessee, locating in Paris, Henry county, remaining there until 1858, when he removed to Paducah, and was there employed as bookkeeper by the old firm of J. W. Sherrer & Company, wholesale grocers. William Bradley is the only man now living who was connected with that firm when it closed its doors during the Civil war, and he also enjoys the honor of being the first man to travel for a Paducah wholesale house. At one time he was in business with J. T. West & Company, and later became the senior member of the firm of Bradley & Terrell, millers, but he sold his interest in this concern in 1873, and operated a commission house at Cairo, Illinois, for a year. At different times he was employed as a traveling salesman for M. Livingston & Company, and also for D. W. Swan Manufacturing Company. For nine years he traveled for Thompson, Wilson & Company, wholesale liquor dealers. Since 1889 he has been in the employ of the W. L. Weller & Sons' wholesale liquor house of Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest house of its kind in the state.

Henry L. Bradley is the youngest of three living children. He obtained his education in the public and private schools of his native city, and at the age of seventeen years began working in a flour mill. After four years' experience he assumed management of the Three Rivers Milling Company, of Paducah, and acted in that capacity for two years. In 1895, when only twenty-three years old, he embarked

in a grain business on his own responsibility, his first establishment being on the south side of the town, but in 1899 he removed to his present convenient premises at 823 and 825 Harrison street, and added coal to his other commodities, now dealing in grain, coal, and corn-meal, which he manufactures himself.

In 1901 Mr. Bradley was married to Miss Emma McKnight, a native of Paducah. In politics he is a Democrat. In religious matters he is a Presbyterian, while his wife is a Methodist. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

AARON BUTLER.

Aaron Butler, one of the substantial and highly respected men of Paducah, Kentucky, was born November 15, 1860, in Pope county, Illinois, and is a son of John and Susan (Barger) Butler, the former of whom was born in the same locality as his son, in 1829, and is still living, being a well known farmer. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as school trustee for many years. In religious matters he is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The mother was born in 1837 and died in 1864. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: Jacob, Frank, Aaron and Margaret. The last named married F. H. Rector, of Pope county, Illinois, but later died, all the others surviving her.

Aaron Butler was educated at Eddyville, and after leaving school in 1882 went into a general medicine and drug business at Shuttleville, Illinois, but in 1888 removed to Paducah, where he embarked in a grocery business, and thus continued until 1898, when he disposed of

his interests in that line, and started in the butchering business, and continued to operate the concern then inaugurated with success to a recent date, when he sold out.

In 1885 Mr. Butler and Miss Laura A. Cooper were united in marriage. He is a Republican, and takes an active part in local affairs, although his time has been too much occupied with business affairs for him to hold office. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious affiliations are in the Methodist church, of which body he is a liberal supporter. Mr. Butler is well and favorably known, and is recognized as an enterprising, upright and conscientious business man.

FLAVIUS J. SULLIVAN, M. D.

A worthy, prominent and representative member of the medical fraternity in Caldwell county is Dr. Flavius Josephus Sullivan, of Princeton. He was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, on the 10th of May, 1838, and is a son of Eclemuel and Martha (Stone) Sullivan. The father was born in Tennessee and was a son of Azel and Sophia (West) Sullivan. The paternal grandfather was born in Maryland, and his father was of Irish birth. The grandmother was born in Wales and was of Welsh lineage. After residing for some years in Maryland, Azel Sullivan removed to Tennessee, establishing his home there at an early period in the development of that state. The Doctor's father was reared in Tennessee and became a distiller, following that pursuit in early life. Later he engaged in trading, and while in North Carolina upon a trading expedition he died, passing away when about forty-five years of age. In his early manhood he had wedded

Miss Martha Stone, who was born in North Carolina, as were her parents, Nicholas and Sarah (Thomason) Stone. Mrs. Sullivan survived her husband for a number of years, and passed away at her old home in Tennessee when nearly eighty-nine years of age. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, of whom four are now deceased.

Dr. Sullivan was reared in his native county, and was educated at Cumberland College, in Lebanon, Tennessee, having thus acquired a good literary education. He prepared for professional life and was graduated from Nashville Medical College at the completion of a full course in medicine, with the class of 1865. Prior to the war he had studied medicine, but when the country became involved in hostilities he enlisted in the fall of 1861 as a private of Company F, Forty-fifth Tennessee Confederate Regiment. After the close of the war Dr. Sullivan resumed the study of medicine, and after his graduation in 1865 came to Kentucky and located at Farmersville, Caldwell county, where he practiced continuously for thirty years, or until 1895, when he came to Princeton. Here he soon gained a liberal patronage, and he now has a very extensive practice, which is indicative of the confidence reposed in him by the public. His skill and ability are marked, his knowledge of the science of medicine being comprehensive and exact, while in its application to the needs of suffering humanity he is ever accurate. He belongs to the Caldwell County Medical Society and to the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, and he is continually broadening his knowledge by reading and investigation, that his efforts may be of the greatest benefit to his fellow men.

In 1867 Dr. Sullivan was married to Miss Lucy Mary Beckner, who was born in Virginia, and they now have three children: Frank-

lin H., Maymie and Eclemuel Beckner. The first named is now a lawyer in St. Louis. The Doctor votes with the Democracy, but has little opportunity to take an active part in political affairs, because of the demands made upon him by his large general practice. He has met with success in his chosen life work, and is to-day one of the leading and honored representatives of the medical fraternity in Caldwell county.

BERT F. WALLACE.

Bert F. Wallace, an attorney at law, practicing at the bar at Princeton, was born upon a farm in Union county, Kentucky, on the 30th of August, 1876, and is a son of Hiram J. and Bettie Sue (Taylor) Wallace, who are also natives of Union county, and have always lived within its borders, the father devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. For many years the former has been very prominent and successful in business affairs, his prosperity coming as the just reward of his earnest labor, persistency of purpose and marked enterprise. The son, Bert F., is the fourth in order of birth in a family of five children, numbering two sons and three daughters, and his brother is a prominent dry-goods merchant of Sturgis, Kentucky.

On the old family homestead in Union county, Bert F. Wallace remained until fifteen years of age, and during that time pursued his education in the public schools of Sturgis. He then left home and went to Auburn, Kentucky, entering the academy at that place, and pursuing in that institution a three years' course of study. On completing his course in that institution he entered his brother's dry-goods store, where he was employed as a salesman for three years, but, de-

siring to follow a professional rather than a commercial career, he matriculated in the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, where he mastered various branches of learning, and was then graduated from the law department with the class of June, 1899. At Morganfield, this state, he was admitted to the bar, and at once entered upon practice in that city, remaining for over two years.

In March, 1901, Mr. Wallace located in Princeton, where he has now lived for about three years. He has gained a good practice as an able young lawyer. The gift of research is his, and he has broad and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, which he applies with accuracy to the points in litigation. He is now serving as city attorney for Princeton, and has a very gratifying private practice. Politically Mr. Wallace is a Democrat, and fraternally a Master Mason. He also belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and his various associations thus indicate him to be a man of sterling worth of character. Genial and courteous, he has become popular in social circles, and has a large number of friends in his adopted city.

R. W. MOREHEAD, D. D.

No minister of the gospel in western Kentucky is more widely known or more beloved by all alike than Rev. Robert Woodson Morehead, D. D., the present pastor of the First Baptist church of Princeton. He was born in Logan county, Kentucky, in 1834, being the oldest son of James Duncan Morehead and Henrietta Poor Morehead, both natives of Logan county. His grandfather, Presley Morehead, was a Virginian and was a major in the war of 1812. The Moreheads are of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather on his mother's side was

Drewry W. Poor, also a Virginian and a colonel of militia, being of Scotch-Irish blood.

He was a student at Bethel College two years, and entered Union University, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1859, graduating therefrom with the degree of Master of Arts. He was licensed to preach in 1856 and was ordained at Green Ridge church, Kentucky, in 1859. His first charge was Bethel church, in Christian county, which he served from 1860 to 1864, although during the Civil war he was chaplain to the First Kentucky Cavalry under General Ben Hardin Helm, former governor of Kentucky.

In February, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Garnett, of Christian county. She was the only child of E. B. and Frances Pendleton Garnett, both Virginians by birth. She had four brothers: Virgil A. Garnett, deceased in 1889; W. W. Garnett, president of the Pembroke Bank; John P. Garnett, a retired capitalist of Pembroke; and Hon. James B. Garnett, of Cadiz, for eighteen years commonwealth's attorney of the fourth judicial district, and universally acknowledged to be the ablest prosecutor the state has ever produced.

Dr. Morehead's father, Presley Morehead, was the first cousin of James T. Morehead, Charles S. Morehead and Simon Bolivar Buckner, all three governors of Kentucky, and of Governor John Morehead, of North Carolina. His wife is the grandniece of Hon. Richard W. Thompson, of Indiana, secretary of the navy under President Hayes. They have three children, Clarence G., Charles S. and Miss Fannie, all of whom reside in Princeton.

Dr. Morehead was pastor at Cadiz in the latter part of the sixties, and accepted a call to New Bethel, Lyon county, in 1874. This

is one of the strongest Baptist organizations in Kentucky, and Dr. Morehead served this congregation continuously for twenty-five years.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1891 by Bethel College. He is the author of numerous tracts, and has also written "A History of Little River Association." "The Divine Purpose and Man's Free Agency" is his most ambitious production. Dr. Morehead is a man of strong religious convictions, full of zeal for the cause of Christianity, but charitable to the shortcomings of others, and his pure and beautiful life has been an inspiration to those about him. Loved and honored by all in the faith, and respected and pointed to as an example by that class who claim no religious convictions and who even at times are wont to scoff at Christianity, he has been a blessing to the world.

CHARLES SOUTHERN MOREHEAD.

The subject of this sketch was born in Cadiz, Kentucky, in June, 1869, and removed with his parents to Princeton in 1874. He attended Professor Blanton's high school for about eight years, and entered Georgetown College in 1886 at the age of seventeen, at once taking rank with the brightest minds of the institution. In 1889, after a brilliant contest with a number of other students, he was chosen as Georgetown's representative in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest, and bore off first honors over prize orators from five other colleges. He graduated in 1890 with the degree of Master of Arts, and afterwards taught school in Georgia. He was granted license to practice law in 1896, but abandoned law when he undertook the editor-

ship and publication of the Princeton *Banner* in 1900. The paper is straight Democratic in politics, and has been established thirty-two years. Mr. Morehead is owner of the plant. As a paragrapher and editorial writer he has few equals and no superiors among the younger journalists of the state.

A portion of his time since his college days he has always devoted to literature, and, though he has made no ambitious efforts, some of his works have been widely read and praised, and his poems have appeared in the leading periodicals of the country. In 1893 the Pollard Publishing Company, of New York, accepted and brought out his first novel, printing ten thousand copies in the first edition. Three years ago he published a short novel, of which the *Illustrated South,* a monthly magazine, published at Louisville, has to say: "Charles Southern Morehead, the brilliant and versatile young poet-journalist, makes a masterful claim to literary distinction in an ambitious little volume entitled 'The Remarkable Story of Conrad Johnston.' We rarely find such a combination of quaint thought and quiet tenderness, of lofty yet terse description, of reverence and love, of noble and subtle character vividly drawn, as is revealed yet concealed in the story of Marie Roche and Virginia Linderton, Conrad Johnston and John Godfrey Ware. The interest is fastened from the first page, and the strange plot is worked out and the mystery solved in the sepulchral silence of Mammoth Cave. By readers to whom fine literary construction is a keen pleasure, the story will be perused with much enjoyment. In this story, as in Mr. Morehead's poems, every sentence is as perfect and polished as a jewel." Speaking of him further, the *Illustrated South* says: "In his veins flows the best blood of the state. In his paternal ancestry he names three governors of Kentucky, James T. Morehead,

Charles S. Morehead and Simon Bolivar Buckner, and Governor John Morehead, an ante-bellum governor of North Carolina. His maternal grandmother was a first cousin of Richard W. Thompson, secretary of the navy under President Hayes, and his mother is a sister of Hon. James B. Garnett, a criminal lawyer without a peer in a state noted for its forensic orators." He is the second son of Rev. Dr. R. W. and Mrs. Helen Garnett Morehead, both of whom are living. In 1900 he was married to Miss Mattie Bond, of Caldwell county, and one child, Helen Frances, has blessed the union.

THOMAS JEFFERSON JOHNSON.

Thomas Jefferson Johnson, who for many years has been engaged in merchandising in Princeton, and whose business ability is indicated by the creditable measure of success which he has long enjoyed, was born in Eddyville, Kentucky, on the 13th of October, 1842. He is his father's namesake. His mother bore the maiden name of Eliza Ann Barnard and was born in Princeton, while Mr. Johnson, Sr., was a native of Nashville, Tennessee. Their son, Thomas J., was about two years of age when the parents came to Princeton to make their home, and here he was reared and educated. His father was a merchant of this city, and he became his assistant in the business, aiding him in the conduct of the store, and also in the management of a hotel and of a stage line. In 1855 the father sold out and removed to a farm in Christian county, Kentucky. Thereafter Mr. Johnson, of this review, was agent for stage lines at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, for two years, being thus engaged up to the time of the Civil war.

On the 13th of April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Oak

Grover Rangers, and later became a member of Company A, First Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, of the Confederate army. He served with this regiment for twelve months, and after the expiration of his term a second Kentucky regiment of cavalry was organized, and Mr. Johnson became a member thereof. He was made corporal, and served with General Forrest and General Joe Wheeler. He was captured at Section 36 on the Northwestern Railroad, near Nashville, on the 6th of September, 1864, and was held a prisoner at Camp Chase until the close of hostilities, when he was released. He is now a member of the United Confederate Veterans' Association, being colonel of the First Regiment of the Second Brigade. About 1885 he organized Company B, of the Third Regiment of the Kentucky State Guards, and by reason of his connection therewith was made major, and is now everywhere known by that title, although at the present time he is not affiliated with the military organization.

Soon after the close of the Civil war Mr. Johnson went to Montana and spent five years in that state, being engaged in mining during the greater part of that time. On the expiration of that period he returned to Kentucky, locating in Princeton, where he has since been identified with the business interests of the city. Through five years he was employed as a salesman in a store, and then established a livery stable, which he conducted with success for eighteen years. On selling his stable, he opened a grocery store, which he has since carried on.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Ida Belle King, of Princeton, and to them have been born five children, namely: Joel King, who is now in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, at Paducah, Kentucky; Jefferson Warren, who is with the Illinois Central Railroad Company, at Omaha; Ray Barnard,

who is employed as a salesman in a drug store at Troy, Alabama; Hazel Emeline and Ida Dale, both at home. The wife and daughters are members of the Christian church, and Mr. Johnson has also long been identified with that church. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and in his political affiliations is a Democrat. He has served as councilman, as city tax collector, and as city treasurer, occupying the last named position for a number of years. In public office he is ever loyal and faithful, and in all life's relations is found true to the trust reposed in him.

RUFUS W. LISANBY.

Practicing his profession in Princeton, Rufus W. Lisanby has gained an enviable reputation as one of the prominent and capable young lawyers of Caldwell county, and to-day enjoys a distinctively representative clientage, which many an older practitioner might well envy. He was born upon a farm in Hopkins county, Kentucky, on the 4th of February, 1869, and is a son of Monroe Walker and Winnie J. (Hicks) Lisanby. The father was a native of Tennessee and died when Rufus was but four years of age, leaving two children, Charles M. and our subject. The mother afterward married again, becoming the wife of W. J. Eli, of Hopkins county, Kentucky, where she is yet living. By her second marriage she has three children.

At the age of six years Rufus W. Lisanby went to live with his uncle, J. H. Hicks, a well known farmer and magistrate of Caldwell county, by whom he was reared. He worked in the fields upon his uncle's homestead, and attended the district schools through the winter months, thus acquiring his preliminary education. He continued upon his uncle's farm until twenty years of age, and later resumed his

studies, and when twenty-five years of age was graduated from the high school of Princeton. He then began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1897, since which time he has practiced in this city. In the meantime, however, he had earned his living, for at the age of twenty years he obtained a teacher's certificate, and for several years successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Caldwell and Union counties. For three years he was the efficient principal of the schools of Dekoven, Kentucky, and his earnings as a teacher aided him to further educate himself and prepare for the practice of law. In 1901 he became county attorney by appointment, but has held no other office than this, preferring to devote his energies to the private practice of law, in which he has gained very enviable success. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, and he prepares his cases with great thoroughness and precision, while in their presentation he is forceful, logical and convincing.

In 1898 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lisanby and Miss Hattie White, a daughter of C. J. White, a farmer of Caldwell county. They have one child, Charles Alvin, born in Princeton, August 4, 1899. Mrs. Lisanby was born in Caldwell county, and is a representative of an old and prominent family here. She belongs to the Baptist church, and Mr. Lisanby has been a member of the Christian church from the age of fourteen years. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained to the degree of Knight Templar, holding membership in Alida Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar, at Sturgis, Kentucky. Mr. Lisanby deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in life, having been dependent upon his own resources from an early age, not only for what he has gained in a

financial way, but also for his education. He is a man of strong intellectuality and marked force of character, and has won a very creditable position in the ranks of the legal fraternity of Caldwell county.

PATRICK H. DARBY.

Patrick H. Darby, who is one of Kentucky's native sons, has attained distinction at the bar, and is now practicing with success in Princeton. The liberal patronage accorded him is proof of his ability, and of his skilful presentation in court of the cases entrusted to his care. His father, George F. Darby, was born in Caswell county, North Carolina, in the year 1802, and for a considerable period was a well known and representative citizen of Caldwell county, Kentucky. He died in what is now Lyon county, Kentucky, in the year 1858. When a youth he came with relatives to this state, and was here reared to manhood. After reaching adult age he wedded Miss Mary Wyatt, who was born in Caldwell county, a daughter of Zadoc Wyatt, one of the pioneers of this portion of the state, who came to Kentucky from Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Darby traveled life's journey happily together for many years, and she long survived her husband, passing away in 1887, when about eighty-two years of age.

After his marriage George F. Darby settled in Lyon county, which was then a part of Caldwell county, and there spent his remaining days. He was a successful farmer, carefully operating his affairs and gathering therefrom rich harvests. He became one of the leading citizens of his community, and his devotion to the general good well fitted him for leadership in public affairs. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. He did not hold membership with any church, but his wife and

her people were connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He lived an upright, honorable life, worthy of the respect of those with whom he was associated, and he enjoyed in high measure the regard of his fellow men. To him and his wife were born the following children: Frank W. Darby, whose birth occurred on the home farm in Lyon county, Kentucky, in 1839, was educated at Cumberland College, in Princeton, and studied law about 1865-6. He then practiced in Princeton and became a leading representative of the profession. He was a Democrat in politics and served for one term as county judge, while for two terms he represented his district in the state senate and proved a capable legislator. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained the Knight Templar degree. He died in Princeton, December 31, 1894. Andrew G. Darby, the second of the family, is a practicing physician at Dawson, Kentucky. Patrick H. is the next younger. Mary is the wife of Rev. Milton Cockrill, a Baptist minister, now preaching for the church of his denomination in Windsor, Missouri. William J. is a prominent minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, residing at Newburg, Indiana.

Patrick H. Darby was born on a farm in Lyon county, Kentucky, September 23, 1844, and was reared upon the old family homestead, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His preliminary education, acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by a course of study in the Cumberland College, at Princeton, and also in the University of Virginia. When he had acquired a good literary education he determined to enter upon a professional career, and took up the study of law in the University of Michigan, being admitted to the bar in Princeton, Kentucky, in 1870. He continued to reside at this place until 1877, and

was employed as assistant attorney for the Elizabeth & Paducah Railroad. In 1882 he removed to Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained continuously until 1898, and in the latter years of his residence there he was general attorney for the Elizabeth & Paducah Railroad. In 1898 he again came to Princeton, where he has since resided, and is to-day one of the foremost members of the bar of this portion of the state. In 1901 he was elected county attorney of Caldwell county, and is filling the position at the present writing (1903.)

In 1862 Mr. Darby volunteered for service in the United States army as a private in Company F, Fifteenth Kentucky Cavalry. His meritorious conduct, however, won him promotion from time to time, and he became sergeant major, and was later made regimental commissary with the rank of lieutenant. He then served until the close of the term of enlistment of his regiment, and was honorably discharged in the latter part of 1863.

In 1870 Mr. Darby was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louisa McNary, a daughter of Dr. Thomas L. McNary, of Princeton, who died on the 15th of December, 1901. Three children have been born of this marriage: Maria L., Nannie and Lucy. Mr. Darby votes with the Republican party, and was the candidate of that party for judge of the court of appeals in 1902. He is a Master Mason and also a member of the Knights of Honor. He likewise belongs to the Presbyterian church, and is one of the valued and representative citizens of his community. He has not only attained success in his chosen calling, but has also found time to devote to measures for the general welfare, aiding materially in the upbuilding of social, intellectual and moral interests.

RICHARD W. OGILVIE, M. D.

There is no profession which demands more careful preparation or more absolute devotion to the duties involved in its practice than does the medical profession, if success is to be attained therein, and when one has gained prominence as a medical practitioner it is proof of his capability and skill and of his allegiance to the ethics which govern the fraternity. Dr. Richard Woods Ogilvie, in his practice at Princeton, has gained many patrons from among the best class of citizens and enjoys the high regard of the community not alone because of his broad learning, but also because of his sterling worth of character.

A native of Garrard county, Kentucky, he was born on the 5th of March, 1876, and is a son of Richard Akin and Martha Ann (Woods) Ogilvie. His paternal grandfather, Richard Harris Ogilvie, is a native of Tennessee, where he has spent his entire life, his home being in the city of Columbia. Throughout his active business career he followed farming, and now he is living retired at the very advanced age of ninety-six years. His father was Richard Henry Ogilvie, who resided in Williamson county, Tennessee, but who was a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to the new world. He also carried on agricultural pursuits as a life work. After reaching years of maturity the grandfather wedded Miss Sue Akin, a native of Maury county, Tennessee, and together they are enjoying a happy old age, having long traveled life's journey together. She is now seventy-eight years of age.

The maternal grandfather of Dr. Ogilvie was Rice Garland Woods, who was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, and was of Irish lineage. He devoted his attention to farming throughout his business life, and died in the year 1893, at the age of eighty-four. His widow, who

bore the maiden name of Margaret Denny, was born in Garrard county, where she is still living at the age of eighty-six years.

Richard Akin Ogilvie, the doctor's father, was born in Columbia, Tennessee, and there he spent his entire life, becoming one of the prominent and influential business men of that city. He was engaged in banking, and was a prominent factor in the financial circles of that city. A very prominent and honored member of the Masonic fraternity, he attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and gave his political support to the Democracy. A loyal and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, he served as one of its stewards and labored earnestly for its welfare and upbuilding. His wife was a member of the Presbyterian church. His death occurred in 1886, when he was forty years of age, and Mrs. Ogilvie, who was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, died in 1883, at the early age of thirty-six years. The doctor is their only son, but he has one sister, Sue, who is the wife of Horace K. Herndon, of Lancaster, Kentucky.

Dr. Ogilvie spent the first seventeen years of his life in his father's home in Columbia, Tennessee, and then went to live in Garrard county, Kentucky, where he remained for two years. He next became a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, remaining in that city for five years. His literary education was acquired in the Webb Brothers' school in Bellbuckle, Tennessee, and determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he began preparation for this calling at the Hospital College of Medicine in Louisville, where he was graduated with the class of 1900. After six months' hospital service in the Gray Street Infirmary, during which time his theoretical knowledge was supplemented by

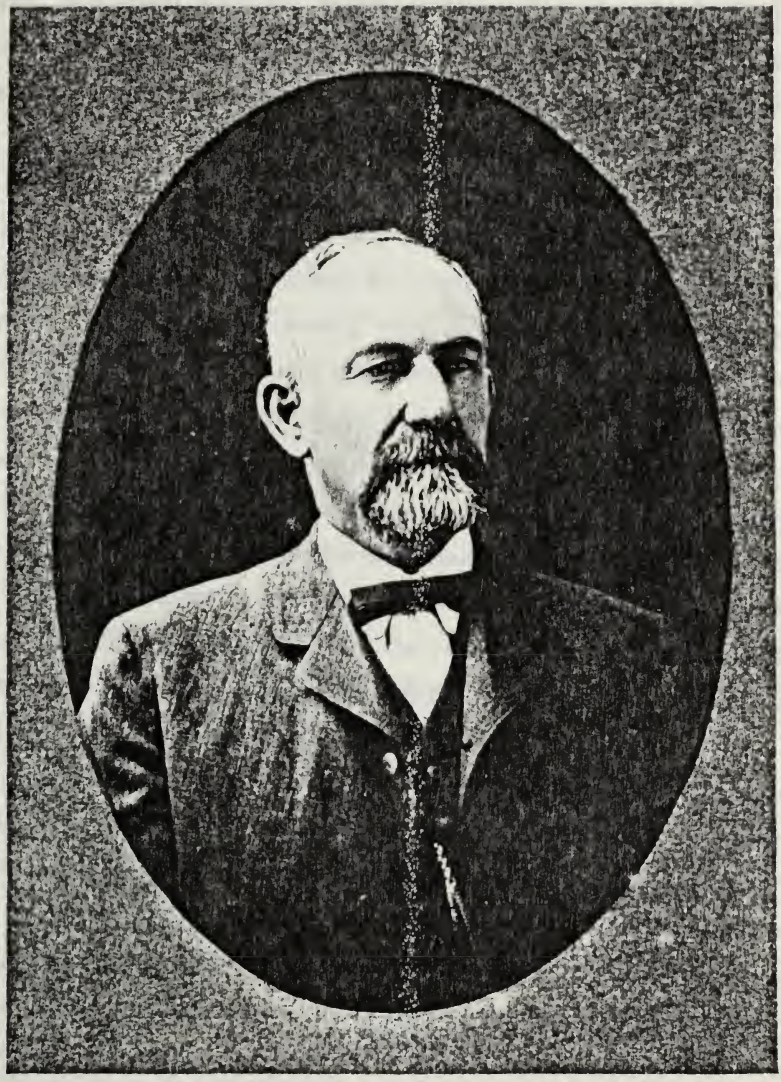
varied practical experience, he left Louisville and came to Princeton, where he has made his home continuously since the fall of 1900, and in the conduct of the business accorded him he has shown a comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine and its practical workings for the alleviation of human suffering.

In 1901 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Ogilvie and Miss Jimmie Harris Lester, of Princeton, and they now have one child, Frances Ione. Fraternally Dr. Ogilvie is quite prominent, belonging to the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also identified with various organizations having for their object the dissemination of knowledge bearing upon the work of the medical fraternity, being a member of the Caldwell County Medical Society, the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, the Kentucky State Medical Association and the Americal Medical Association. He is deeply interested in his chosen life work, and zealously pursues the knowledge thereof that his labors may be more effective in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician. Already he has attained enviable success, and now has a good patronage in Princeton.

JOSEPH F. GARNETT.

Joseph F. Garnett, the president of the Planters' Bank and Trust Company of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, is the grandson of an old pioneer, James Garnett, a native of Virginia, who came to Christian county, Kentucky, in the latter years of the eighteenth century, and settled at Pembroke, Kentucky, where he died.

James T. Garnett, the father of Joseph F., was also a native of



J. F. Garnett

Virginia, and came with his father to Kentucky when he was about twelve years old. He had the advantages of a course at Princeton University, where he graduated, and then taught school for about twenty years, his labors in this line being in Montgomery county, Tennessee, and Christian county, Kentucky. After his marriage to Miss Mary E. Fauntleroy, a native of Virginia and of a prominent family, he located in Montgomery county, Tennessee, for a time, then returned to Christian county for one year, and, coming once more to Montgomery county, built a school-house on his own place and kept a boarding school, until 1852, when he gave up teaching and bought a farm in Christian county, Kentucky, five miles southeast of Hopkinsville. Here he lived till his death in 1883; his wife died in 1882, at the home place in Christian county, and both are buried in the old family plot at Pembroke. They were life-long members of the Baptist church. All of their seven children are still living: Joseph F. is the oldest, and then come Walter F.; Marion H.; Lyda B., the wife of Robert J. Downer; Ellen G., the wife of W. W. Boone; James T.; and Mary Fannie.

Joseph F. Garnett was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, December 16, 1844, and at the age of twelve moved with his parents to Christian county. His father gave him a good common school education, in the old field schools of the county, and at the age of eighteen he began the duties of teacher himself. He taught at Oak Grove Academy for about fourteen years, his long service being ample proof of his success. He bought a farm near Bell station, and for the next ten years was engaged in managing this. Selling out, he purchased a place on the Clarksville and Hopkinsville pike, seven miles from the latter city, and this is where he makes his present residence, still carrying on farming operations with his son. In 1900 he was made president

of the Planters' Bank, which at the same time was reorganized and made the Planters' Bank and Trust Company, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Garnett's home farm consists of six hundred acres, his two older sons own farms of three hundred acres each, and his wife has one of three hundred, so that the family possess in all fifteen hundred acres of Christian county land. Mr. Garnett is president of the Crescent Milling Company of Hopkinsville, and is also a member of the furniture firm, Pyle & Garnett, and owns the large Garnett block in Hopkinsville.

In November, 1869, Mr. Garnett married Miss Emma Whitlock, and the two children now living are John W. and Thomas W. The mother died in 1876, and Mr. Garnett married, in 1878, Miss Wilmoth Holland, from which union there have been three children, Holland, Elizabeth and Fauntleroy. Mr. Garnet is a member of and deacon in the Baptist church, and treasurer of the executive board of Bethel Association, of which association he was elected moderator in 1902 and again in 1903. He is past master in the Masonic lodge, and has represented his lodge in the grand lodge of the state. Mr. Garnett is one of the most influential citizens of Christian county, and he may be proud of the fact that his position of affluence is the result of his own persevering and energetic efforts.

WYLIE JONES.

Wylie Jones, the efficient sheriff of Caldwell county, was born upon a farm in this county on the 20th of October, 1869, and is a son of Loften and Lucretia (Gray) Jones. His father was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, but was reared in Caldwell county, in which place

he met and married Miss Gray, who was born in Caldwell county. Her death occurred in 1886, when she was forty-two years of age, and she left the following children: James D., who died in 1887 when twenty years of age; Wylie; Icie, the wife of W. H. Burnham, of Trigg county, Kentucky; Curtis, a resident farmer of Caldwell county; and Gus, who is living with his father upon the home farm.

In the usual manner of farmer lads Wylie Jones spent his boyhood days, attending the public schools and devoting much of his leisure time to the work of field and meadow. He continued with his father until sixteen years of age, at which time he entered upon his business career as a salesman in a country store owned by Major M. J. Groom, by whom he was employed for nearly four years. He then resumed the occupation to which he had been reared, and continued to engage in farming with fair success until the 1st of January, 1895, when he was appointed to the position of deputy sheriff under Major Groom, his former employer. When John H. Steven became sheriff Mr. Jones continued as deputy for four years, making seven years in all in which he served in that capacity. In November, 1901, he was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket, and is now filling that position in a most acceptable manner, being prompt and fearless in the discharge of his duties and standing as a strong protector of law and order in this community.

In 1892 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Ella White, a daughter of W. H. White, a resident farmer of Caldwell county. Five children have blessed this union: Walter, Eugene, William Loften, Frank Wylie and Burnard. In his social relations Mr. Jones is a Mason and has attained the Royal Arch degree. Courteous, genial, well informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day as one of the leading

representative men of his county, and enjoys in high measure the good will of those who have known him from his boyhood days down to the present time.

ROBERT LEE GRESHAM.

Caldwell county finds in Robert Lee Gresham a capable official, who, ever loyal to his duties, fully meets the obligations resting upon him, showing himself worthy of the trust reposed in him. He is now serving as county clerk of Caldwell county, and in his work is systematic, prompt and accurate.

Mr. Gresham was born upon a farm in Caldwell county on the 7th of June, 1865, his parents being Leander Sharp and Martha A. (Carter) Gresham. His paternal grandfather was Moses Gresham, a native of Halifax county, Virginia, whence he removed to Trigg county, Kentucky. After residing in that locality for some years he came to Caldwell county, where he spent his remaining days. He was a farmer by occupation and reared a large family. In the various communities in which he lived he became recognized as a leading and influential man, and one worthy of the high regard of his fellow citizens. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Moses Carter, who served his country in the war of 1812, and who was a pioneer settler of Caldwell county, coming to this district of the state when it was largely unimproved and taking an active and helpful part in the work of development and progress here.

Leander Sharp Gresham was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, in 1808, and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Miss Martha A. Carter, whose birth occurred in Lyon county, Kentucky, about 1823. He became a farmer, active and energetic in prosecuting his work, and

through his well directed efforts and capable management won success, becoming the possessor of a valuable property. His political support was given the Democracy. He died in Caldwell county in 1872, when sixty-four years of age. His wife survived him many years, and died in 1901, aged seventy-eight years. They were the parents of the following children: Moses Carter, the eldest, was a Confederate soldier, serving for four years under General John Morgan. He enlisted when but sixteen years of age and was captured at the time of Morgan's raid into Ohio, after which he was held as a prisoner of war at Camp Douglas in Chicago for eighteen months. Following the war he carried on farming in Caldwell county, where he made his home until his death, which occurred about 1883.

Woodson Anderson, the second member of the family, is a merchant of Kuttawa, Lyon county, Kentucky. Mrs. Sallie Taylor is a resident of Paducah. William Thomas carries on farming in Caldwell county. Alice, the wife of John Hays, is a resident of this county. Lucy is the wife of John Young, and their home is in Princeton. Robert Lee is the next of the family. Three others are deceased. Of these two died in childhood and one, Lena, died at the age of eighteen years.

In taking up the personal history of Mr. Gresham we present to our readers the life record of one who is well known in Caldwell county, for his entire life has been passed here. He was reared upon a farm and was educated in Princeton and in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Becoming a teacher, he followed that profession with success for a number of years in this state and also for two years in Missouri. With the exception of the latter period he has never resided elsewhere than in the state of his nativity. On leaving the schoolroom he turned his attention

to farming, and was thus engaged until called to public service. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability and his devotion to the general good, elected him to the position of county assessor, in which he served in a most capable manner for four years. In 1901 he was elected county clerk upon the Democratic ticket, and is the present incumbent in that office. He has made for himself a creditable record as a public official, and receives public commendation.

In the year 1891 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gresham and Miss Mary Spratt, who died in January, 1901, leaving four children: Nettie K., Margaret E., Robert L. and Mary Spratt. In 1903 Mr. Gresham married for a second wife Miss Charlton Thompson, of Caldwell county. Mr. Gresham is a well-known Mason, having attained the Royal Arch degree in that fraternity. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias lodge, and he holds membership in the Second Presbyterian church in Princeton, in which he is now serving as elder. His life has even been honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and his methods above question.

CHARLES J. POLLARD, M. D.

Dr. Charles Jackson Pollard is numbered among the medical practitioners of Caldwell county, practicing successfully in Princeton, where he has gained a reputation and a patronage that many an older member of the medical fraternity might well envy. He was born upon a farm in this county on the 27th of October, 1873. His paternal grandfather, Wilson Pollard, was a native of Tennessee and of Irish lineage; was born in the year 1803 and in early life came to Kentucky, establishing his home in Caldwell county, where he spent his remaining days, reach-

ing the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was an influential citizen, prominent and progressive, and in the year 1876 was elected to represent his district in the general assembly. He proved an active working member of the legislature, and gave to each question which came up for settlement his earnest consideration in order that he might be able to advocate that which would be most beneficial to his state. He had extensive farming interests, and at one time owned and operated a tannery on the road between Princeton and Hopkinsville. In his business affairs he prospered and won success, and also gained the honorable name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

His son, Wilson Lee Pollard, became the father of Dr. Pollard. He was born in Caldwell county, where he has always lived, his home being upon a farm ten miles southeast of Princeton, near the little town of Cobb. He married Miss Martha White, also a native of this county, and the doctor is their only child. Mr. Pollard has always carried on agricultural pursuits, meeting with a fair measure of success in this undertaking. He and his wife are members of the Harmony Baptist church, and both are representatives of well-known and honored families of the county. Their own circle of friends is extensive, and they receive from them the warm regard and esteem which is ever accorded sterling worth.

Dr. Pollard was educated on the old homestead near the village of Cobb, and after obtaining his preliminary education in the public schools continued his studies in the Bethel College at Russellville, Kentucky. He then took up the study of medicine in the Southwestern Homeopathic Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, and was graduated therefrom on the 6th of April, 1897. He spent one year in the Louisville City Hospital, thus adding to his theoretical knowledge by broad

and practical experience. He afterward practiced for one year in the vicinity of his parental home, and on the 1st of January, 1899, opened an office in Princeton, where he has since gained a good and growing patronage.

Dr. Pollard was married in 1897 to Miss Mallie Groom, a daughter of Gus Groom, of Caldwell county. They now have two interesting children: Laurine and Gladys. Both the Doctor and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church and take an active and commendable interest in its work. He is associated with a number of societies formed to disseminate knowledge concerning the science of medicine, and in this way he keeps in touch with the advanced thought and progress of the profession. He belongs to the Caldwell Medical Society, to the Southwestern Kentucky Homeopathic Medical Society, of which he was twice honored with the presidency, the Kentucky State Medical Association, and the Kentucky State Homeopathic Society, in which he was elected vice-president in 1903. He is yet a young man, but has already attained prominence in his chosen calling. With a nature that could never content itself with mediocrity, he has steadily advanced until he has left the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

SANFORD W. BAKER.

Sanford Wilson Baker, who for many years was engaged in farming in Caldwell county, is now living a retired life in Princeton, and the fruits of his former toil enable him now to enjoy a well-earned rest. He is a native son of this county, born on the 30th of March, 1843. His parents were Wiley and Nancy (Howard) Baker. The father was born in North Carolina in 1802, and when twenty-two years of age came

to Kentucky, where soon afterward he married, and then located upon a farm seven miles east of Princeton. Upon that place his nine children were born and reared. In order to provide for their support he always carried on agricultural pursuits, and became a well-known and prosperous agriculturist, for although he started out upon his business career a poor man he steadily advanced through energy and industry until he had reached the goal of success, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent and earnest effort. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, but never sought or held public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. His wife was born in Caldwell county, in 1807, and was a daughter of William and Sarah (Cook) Howard, very early settlers in what is now Caldwell county, while their descendants are now numerous in this portion of Kentucky and to some extent have become scattered through other states. They were the parents of eleven children. By her marriage Mrs. Baker became the mother of nine children, namely: Matilda, now deceased; Sarah F.; William H. and Zera Allen, who have also passed away; Mary W.; Robert L., who has also departed this life; George Ann, deceased; Sanford W.; and Martha Mildred, deceased. The father's death occurred in 1881 and the mother, surviving him for a number of years, was called to her final rest in 1891. Both were members of the Predestinarian Baptist church and led earnest Christian lives.

On the home farm Sanford Wilson Baker spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the public schools received a limited education. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy and integrity, as he also became familiar with the labors of field and meadow and learned of the best methods of producing good crops. When old

enough to engage in business on his own account he determined to make the occupation to which he had been reared his life work, and he always followed farming until he retired to private life. As the years passed he prospered, working diligently and continuously until he had gained a comfortable competence. The fields were plowed and planted, and in the autumn rich harvests were garnered, and thus time went by until 1889, when, wishing to provide his children with better educational advantages, Mr. Baker removed to the city.

In 1867 Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Alzara Jane Miller, of Hopkins county, Kentucky, and to them were born six children: Gustavus B., Thomas Lula, Ella May and Bertie; two are deceased, one dying in infancy and one, Margaret V., dying aged three and a half years. Mr. Baker has always been devoted to his family, putting forth every effort in his power to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of his wife and children.

At the time of the Civil war, Mr. Baker, who was then but a boy in years, enlisted in the Confederate army and served from 1861 until 1863. He was a private of Company B, Eighth Kentucky Infantry, and loyally defended the cause which he espoused. His political support has ever been given to the Democratic party, and he greatly desires its success, but has never sought official preferment for himself, and has held no office save that of councilman in Princeton. In the county where his entire life has been passed he has a very wide acquaintance and the uniform regard of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

Gustavus B. Baker, his elder son, was born on his father's farm in Caldwell county, July 31, 1869, was educated in the district schools and in the graded schools of Princeton. He then secured a teacher's cer-

tificate, and successfully engaged in teaching school for about three years, after which he became a student in the Louisville School of Pharmacy, in which he was graduated. For four years thereafter he was engaged in the drug business in Princeton, after which he sold his store and attended the school of embalming at Louisville. He established a furniture and undertaking store in Princeton in 1898, and has since been very successfully conducting it, carrying a large and well-selected line of goods in both departments and receiving a very fair share of the public trade. He is widely recognized as one of the leading young business men of the city.

In 1896 Gustavus B. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Madie Bond, and to them has been born a son, Wiley. Mr. Baker belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and by his ballot endorses the principles and platform of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Christian church, and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are held in high esteem in the community, occupying an enviable position in social circles.

HON. NEWTON W. UTLEY.

Kentucky has ever been distinguished for the marked ability of the representatives of her bench and bar. In the early days of the republic her sons left their impress upon the judicial history of the nation, and since that time they have figured conspicuously in public affairs as well as representatives of the great profession which stands as the stern conservator of justice and of right. Winning fame at this bar where so many distinguished men have practiced, Hon. Newton Willard Utley has already exerted an influence upon the life of the state that will be

felt for all time, and has engraved his name indelibly on the pages of its annals in connection with service that has been prompted by the most unfaltering loyalty and devotion to the best interests of the commonwealth.

Born upon a farm in Marshall county, Kentucky, May 12, 1860, he has spent almost his entire life in this state and now makes his home in Eddyville. His parents were William Washington and Sallie Ann (Holland) Utley. His paternal grandparents were Merrill and Elizabeth (Woodward) Utley, both natives of North Carolina, and the progenitor of the family in America was an Englishman who came to the colony of Virginia with the Jamestown settlers. It was about 1820 when Merrill Utley removed to Kentucky, locating in what is now Marshall county, where he entered from the government a tract of land that still remains in possession of the family, being now owned by our subject and occupied by his mother, who has occupied the same house for over sixty years.

William W. Utley was born in North Carolina in 1818, and was therefore quite young when brought by his parents to this state, where his remaining days were passed. After reaching mature years he wedded Miss Sallie Ann Holland, who was born in Lyon county, Kentucky, in 1820, a daughter of John and Catherine (Parrent) Holland, representatives of old Kentucky families. Her father was one of the pioneer settlers on the Jackson Purchase, and one of the first members of the Methodist church of that locality. He assisted in organizing a church of that denomination at his own home, and his residence was the meeting place of the congregation for several years. He lived to pass the age of four score years, and he had five sons, all of whom are yet living with one exception. The daughter became Mrs. W. W. Utley

and the mother of our subject. At the time of his marriage the father took his bride to the old family homestead in Marshall county, and there he carried on farming throughout the remainder of his days. To him and his wife were born nine children. Mr. Utley belonged to the Baptist church, and his wife has been a life-long member of the Methodist church. He died on the old homestead in 1878, and there she still resides, a venerable lady who has the highest respect of all who know her.

Newton W. Utley was reared upon a farm in his native county, and was educated in the district schools until such a time as he provided for himself better educational privileges. His own labor supplied him with the means which enabled him to enter Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, and he found it necessary to work upon the grounds of the institution at night in order to secure the necessary text books. The elemental strength of his character was thus manifested. Necessity is the great spur to labor, and when supplemented by a laudable ambition forms the sure foundation upon which to build success. He not only continued his course to graduation, but won the three honors of his class, thus making a record which has hardly been equalled in the history of the first institution of learning in the south.

In 1880, immediately following his graduation, Mr. Utley entered the ministry, and was sent by the Methodist Episcopal church, South, to Japan, to enter the mission field. He entered upon what was known as a self-sustaining mission; that is, there was no support provided for him by the church. He labored there untiringly in the interest of the church, and his efforts were far-reaching, bringing to the people of that field the benefits of the gospel and of a faith in Christianity. In 1890

he had married Miss Mary S. Childers, of Eddyville, Kentucky, and while they were residing in Japan two of their children were born: Newton Willard and Francis Stacker, while since their return Merrill Holland, born in Eddyville, has been added to the family.

Because of the continued ill health of his wife, Mr. Utley left the mission field and returned to his native land, taking up his residence in Eddyville in 1896. He now turned his attention to the law, which he had studied previous to pursuing his university course, and in 1897 he was admitted to the bar, since which time he has risen to a position of distinction among the ablest lawyers of the state. His preparation of cases is most thorough and exhaustive; he seems almost intuitively to grasp the strong points of law and fact, while in his briefs and arguments the authorities are cited so extensively and the facts and reasoning thereon are presented so cogently and unanswerably as to leave no doubt as to the correctness of his position or his conclusions. No detail seems to escape him; every point is given its due prominence, and the cause is argued with such skill, ability and power that he rarely fails to gain the verdict desired.

Mr. Utley is a man of strong intellect, clear insight and of marked oratorical power, and these qualities naturally render him a leader of men and a director of public opinion. In 1899 he was elected a member of the Kentucky senate on the Democratic ticket, and he entered upon a brilliant legislative career, becoming a leader in the senate chamber and accomplishing many parliamentary and strategic results. A contemporary publication has given the following account of his political career:

"During the first session of Senator Utley's term the memorable contest of Goebel versus Taylor for the governorship of Kentucky,

came before the assembly. On account of his high legal attainments and parliamentary skill, Senator Goebel made Senator Utley one of his advisers. Just as the contest committees were about to finish their work and report to the assembly for final action, Senator Goebel was shot by an assassin. Thus cruelly wounded, he designated Senator Utley to act in his stead as president pro tem of the senate, which also made him ex-officio chairman of the steering committee. The chairmanship of this committee is the most important and the most delicate position in which a member of the party can serve. Every phase of legislation and every tactic of party policy must be determined by the chairman. The hours that elapsed between the wounding of Senator Goebel and his inauguration as governor were the most vital in the history of Kentucky. The least error or the slightest indiscretion would have precipitated war in the capital and lost the governorship to the Democrats. Through this trying ordeal Senator Utley laid his trained hand on the helm of the state and without the slightest variation from the line of duty, inducted the dying leader into the governorship of Kentucky and thereby reclaimed a victory for his party and saved the good name of the state."

Senator Utley has declined political honors, and yet undoubtedly a brilliant political future awaits him. He has been spoken of as the candidate of his party for Congress, and such a man would prove a force in the national halls of legislation. His strength of character, his intellectuality, his thorough understanding of public questions, his devotion to the general good and his fidelity to the right as he sees it well entitle him to the leadership of men and make him worthy their confidence and trust. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his private life is an exemplification of the traits

of character which are always found in the true and, therefore, the really great, citizens. With his family he occupies a beautiful home at Eddyville, overlooking the Cumberland river, and is found there to be a most genial and companionable host.

CORNELIUS T. DABNEY.

Cornelius T. Dabney, deceased, who was a successful hardware merchant of Princeton, Kentucky, was born in Virginia in 1823, and came to Kentucky when nine years of age. His father, Cornelius Dabney, was a native of Virginia, where he was married to Mary Catlett, of the same state. They were the parents of four children, of whom our subject was the eldest son and second child. On account of poor health, Mr. Dabney, Sr., took his family to Kentucky, but only remained a short time, and then returned to Virginia, where he soon after died.

When twenty years of age Cornelius T. Dabney came to Caldwell county, Kentucky, to work for a Mr. McGowen, a hardware merchant of Princeton, but later became a hardware merchant himself and thus continued until 1875, when his death occurred. He was a prominent man both in the Democratic party and in business life, while in the Masonic fraternity he was very popular.

Mr. Dabney was married in Caldwell county in 1844 to Emily Wylie, who was born in Caldwell county, in 1828, a daughter of John Wylie, a native of Ireland, who was brought to South Carolina by his parents when two years of age. A short time later they went to Kentucky, and were among the pioneers of the county. By occupation Mr. Wylie was a farmer and operated a tannery two miles from Princeton. He was married in Caldwell county to Elizabeth Whitnell, a native of

Tennessee. Mrs. Dabney's parents had the following children, all born and reared in this county, namely; Josiah, deceased; John, deceased; James, deceased; David, deceased; and Mrs. Dabney.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dabney made their home in Princeton for a number of years and in 1873 moved to the residence now occupied by the widow, the homestead then containing one hundred acres, but some has since been sold. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dabney, namely: Frank; Charles; Albert, deceased; John; Cornelius; David; Lee; Edward; Mary; Elizabeth, deceased; and Richard, deceased. All were born in Caldwell county.

Mr. Dabney was a member of the Christian church at Princeton, and he helped to erect the first church of that denomination in the place. His memory is tenderly cherished not only by his family, but a large circle of friends who appreciated his many virtues and benefited by his good deeds.

REV. JOHN D. KIRKPATRICK.

Rev. John D. Kirkpatrick was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, November 27, 1828, and is a son of Finis Ewing and Margaret (Gant) Kirkpatrick. The mother died when he was just three days of age. He has a twin brother, Robert Simpson Kirkpatrick, now a farmer and resident of Washington. The parents were natives of Tennessee.

Rev. Kirkpatrick was reared by relatives in Tennessee. His training was given him upon a farm, and his early educational advantages were very limited. When seventeen years of age he was thrown upon his own resources, and worked as a farm hand for one year, then in 1848 came to McCracken county, where he has practically made his home ever since.

In 1858 he married Mary Jane Rudolph, born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, July 22, 1834, and their children were as follows: An infant, deceased; Elmira M., deceased; Ellen Simpson, deceased; William T.; Linnie B., deceased; E. Wallace.

When Mr. Kirkpatrick was sixteen years of age he joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which both he and his wife are faithful members. In the spring of 1855 Mr. Kirkpatrick was licensed to preach, and was an active worker in the vineyard of the Lord until recently when declining years forbade. While carrying his religious labors he has also farmed, and is a most excellent and worthy man. In his political convictions he is a Prohibitionist, and at one time was a candidate of that party for the legislature. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOSEPH F. STARR.

Joseph F. Starr, one of the representative men of McCracken county, Kentucky, was born in this county February 23, 1845, a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Bogard) Starr, the former of whom was born near Clarksville, Tennessee, February 18, 1798, and died in McCracken county in January, 1880. He was in turn a son of Henry and Martha Starr, and Henry was born in New Jersey and was one of the early settlers of Tennessee, and in 1826 came to McCracken county, Kentucky, where he lived and died.

Moses Starr came to this county with his father in 1826, and married here Elizabeth Bogard, who was born in 1811 and died in 1879. She bore her husband six children, of who three are still living, namely: Kate, who married Dr. Milan, of Paducah; Mary; and Joseph F. By

occupation the father was a farmer, and was successful in his work, leaving a fair estate. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were members of Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was a man of great piety, who never used an oath or knowingly wronged a single human being.

Joseph F. Starr was born, reared and has always lived in McCracken county, Kentucky, and grew to manhood on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1870 he was married to Miss Rebecca Cross, born in New Jersey, and their children are as follows: Benjamin C., Moses and Sarah Elizabeth.

Mr. Starr is an excellent farmer and owns a farm of one hundred acres, upon which he and his family make their home. In politics he is a Democrat, although he has never aspired to public office. Both he and his wife are Methodists, and are very excellent people, highly esteemed in their neighborhood.

WILLIAM J. FLOURNOY.

For many years the subject of this sketch was a prominent factor in western Kentucky. As a minister of the Baptist church, preaching in various localities, and establishing churches, he wielded a potent influence. Of the life and family of William J. Flournoy we make brief record as follows:

William Flournoy was born in Virginia in 1811, and in his native state was reared and educated. Coming west to Paducah, Kentucky, in 1833, he engaged in merchandising, and conducted a general store for two years. From 1835 to 1838 he was in the drug business at Paducah, and after 1838 devoted his energies to the work of the min-

istry of the Baptist church, preaching at various points in western Kentucky, thus gaining a wide acquaintance and exerting an untold influence for good. In 1843 he was pastor of the Mayfield Baptist church. Much of his time, however, was spent in traveling, and he was the founder of a number of churches that remain as monuments to his useful work.

Shortly after Mr. Flournoy came to Kentucky, in 1835, he married Miss Jane Calhoun, daughter of Patrick Calhoun, her native place being Smithland, Kentucky. As the years passed by sons and daughters were born to this worthy couple, who grew up to occupy useful positions in life. Their daughter, Mary E., who became the wife of George Pigeon, of Paducah, died at the age of thirty years; Julia died in 1862, in the bloom of youth; Ellen F. is the wife of Bell Bidwell, of Texas; Kitty is the widow of Colonel Whitford, of Memphis, Tennessee, the colonel having died in 1895; Mathew W., who served in the Confederate army all through the Civil war, died in 1890, at the age of fifty years; Guita M., died at the age of twenty-two years; James E. is a well-known farmer of Ballard county, Kentucky; William B. is a prosperous farmer of McCracken county, Kentucky; Jennie C. is the wife of Boswell Jones, of St. Louis, Missouri; Sallie B. is the wife of William Rodgers, of Paducah, Kentucky. The venerable mother of this large family is still living, is now eighty-five years of age, and is in excellent health.

JAMES P. BROOKS.

James P. Brooks, deceased, who for many years was prominent in Paducah, Kentucky, was a son of James Cary and Nacisis (Brown) Brooks, both natives of Tennessee, and a brother of Dr. John G. Brooks,

of Paducah. He was born November 10, 1845, in Robertson county, Tennessee, and died in McCracken county, Kentucky, March 9, 1899. When still a child he was brought to this county by his parents and attended the schools of this locality.

On November 15, 1876, he was married to Charlotte H. Reid. He then settled on the Benton road, five miles from Paducah, and engaged in farming, although prior to his marriage he had been a clerk in a mercantile establishment. In politics he was a Democrat, religiously was a member of the Methodist church, and fraternally affiliated with the Odd Fellows order.

Mrs. Brooks was born in McCracken county, Kentucky, February 9, 1857, and is a daughter of John B. and Chariety (Cox) Reid, both born near Raleigh, North Carolina, the father in 1799, and died in 1860, and the mother was born in 1823 and died in 1857. They married in 1845 and lived in North Carolina until 1853, when they removed to McCracken county, Kentucky, settling where Mrs. Brooks now resides. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Reid were: Joseph L., deceased; William R., deceased; Thomas J., a grocer of Paducah; James M., deceased; Charlotte H., Mrs. Brooks. Mr. Reid was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in politics. The family were all Methodists. Mr. Reid was very successful and became quite prominent.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were: Saunders; Monima; Reid; Brown; Gordon; Edna; Mabel; John B.; a child who died in infancy; and Anna, who died at the age of seventeen years. Mrs. Brooks lives upon a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres, well improved. She owns two hundred and two acres in the same county, making in all three hundred and forty-two acres, two hundred and fifty of which are under cultivation, producing a mixed crop of corn, hay and

wheat. Mrs. Brooks is very highly respected throughout the entire community as a woman of good business ability, an excellent manager and a lady whose friends are numerous.

GEORGE W. JACKSON.

George W. Jackson, a successful business man and mattress manufacturer of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1843, a son of Samuel and Martha (Grainger) Jackson. His father was born in England in 1780, and his mother was also born in England, in 1813, and both are now deceased. Samuel Jackson was a stonemason by occupation. After a brief residence in Cincinnati, Ohio, he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he became a pioneer in the brewery business, later served as a policeman, and still later removed to a farm near St. Louis, and was engaged in farming at the time of his death. He was seventy years of age at the time of his death.

George W. Jackson is a brother of John S. Jackson, of Paducah, and was reared and educated in St. Louis, removing to Paducah, Kentucky, in 1872, at which time he embarked in the mattress upholstering business and has continued in that line ever since, with marked success. In politics Mr. Jackson is a stanch Democrat, but he has never sought political preferment. Fraternally he is very prominent in the Knights of Honor, and has many friends in that organization, as well as throughout the entire city.

In 1868 Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Anna Cox, then of St. Louis, Missouri, but a native of Virginia. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are as follows: Samuel R. is a successful druggist of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Thomas J. is bookkeeper of the street

railway company of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are justly numbered among the leading people of Paducah, and enjoy the confidence and esteem of the community.

PHILIP D. YEISER.

Philip D. Yeiser, deceased, was a native of Lancaster, Kentucky, where he was born in November, 1817, and was reared in Danville, where in early life he followed contracting and building, and also operated a foundry. He then prepared for the profession of law, and practiced first at Eddyville, Kentucky. In 1861 he located in Paducah, and practiced law until his death, which occurred in 1886. He was commonwealth attorney one term and about a year prior to his death was elected city judge of Paducah, an office he held when he died. In politics he was a Republican, while fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious belief he lived and died a Presbyterian.

Judge Yeiser was several times married, his first wife, Ellen Deerham, a native of Boyle county, Kentucky, and she became the mother of David A. Yeiser, now mayor of Paducah.

HON. DAVID A. YEISER.

Hon. David A. Yeiser was born in Danville, Kentucky, October 13, 1845, and in 1862 went into the drug business at Paducah, in which he continued for thirty-six years. In 1901 he sold his store. He was four times elected a member of the city council, and as a candidate of the Democratic party was elected mayor of Paducah. He is a Royal Arch

Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In religious views he is a Presbyterian.

His first wife was Miss Arrabella Cole, to whom he was united in 1871, and by whom he had one child, Joseph. She died soon after the latter's birth. In 1876 Mr. Yeiser married Mary Coleman, by whom he has four children, namely: Anna, Florence, Mary and David. Mr. Yeiser is a director in the Commercial Club, and is a very enterprising and progressive business man and important political factor in Paducah.

MRS. REUBEN LOEB.

Mrs. Reuben Loeb, widow of the late Reuben Loeb, who for many years was identified with the best interests of Paducah, Kentucky, and who died in March, 1902, is a lady who enjoys the deepest respect of her neighbors and friends in Paducah, and is now living in that city, surrounded by many of the comforts of life supplied by her husband's foresight and love.

Reuben Loeb was born in Germany, December 12, 1829, and came to America when only seventeen years of age. The first eight years of his life in America were spent in different parts of the country, and in 1854 he located in Paducah, where he embarked in a wholesale liquor business, and at the time of his death was a member of the firm of Loeb, Bloom & Company, and his interests in that concern are now held by his widow and children. At one time Mr. Loeb was also engaged in a dry-goods business in that city, and interested in the Western District Tobacco warehouse, one of Paducah's substantial institutions. He also owned much valuable realty in different portions of the city, and was one of the most important factors in the financial life of Pa-

ducah. His estate was so large that his family are left in very comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Loeb was married in 1877, in Galveston, Texas, and these children were born: Sidney H., who travels for Loeb, Bloom & Company; Jessie B., who is the bookkeeper for the same firm; Florence M., who is at home; and three now deceased. Socially Mr. Loeb was a member of the Masonic fraternity of Paducah, in which he was very prominent, and he bore his part in all public improvements and all movements calculated to prove of benefit to the community at large. Mr. Loeb was a man who made and retained friends, and at the time of his death was sincerely mourned by many outside his own family, who knew and appreciated his many excellent qualities of mind and heart.

SAMUEL C. MOLLOY.

Samuel C. Molloy, who is now serving for the second term as county attorney of Lyon county and makes his home in Kuttawa, is accounted one of the most enterprising young men and successful lawyers of this part of Kentucky. His laudable ambition, strong determination and unfaltering diligence are marked characteristics of his professional career, and have already gained him high standing among his professional brethren.

A native of Caldwell county, Kentucky, Samuel C. Molloy first opened his eyes to the light of day on his father's farm, August 3, 1860, his parents being William P. and Mary (Cash) Molloy, both of whom were also natives of Caldwell county. The father was a physician, making the practice of medicine his life work. In the public schools Samuel C. Molloy acquired his literary education, and then, determining to

make the practice of law his life work, studied under the direction of T. T. Watkins, being admitted to the bar in Eddyville in 1892. His advancement has been continuous since that time, and he now occupies a position among the leading lawyers of the city and county. His devotion to his clients' interests, combined with his knowledge of the law and his careful preparation of cases, soon won him a large clientage and made him a power in the courtroom, while the ablest lawyers of the bar found in him an opponent and adversary worthy of their steel. He has engaged in many forensic combats, in which he has usually come off conqueror.

When Mr. Molloy had been in active practice for three years he received the Democratic nomination for the position of county attorney, to which office he was elected in 1897. His course in this position has been most commendable and has won him favorable criticism from all law-abiding citizens. During his first term he instituted and prosecuted successfully more suits for the reclamation of taxes than had been before instituted in a quarter of a century. The fiscal business of the county was the feature of his administration. He reclaimed for the taxpayers many times the amount of his official salary. On his induction into office Mr. Molloy found that it required from four to five days in the circuit court to try the minor criminal cases. This business was immediately transferred to the inferior courts, where it properly belongs, resulting in a saving to the county of from two hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars annually. He was one of the five county attorneys of the state to institute proceedings against the various railroad companies for the payment of franchise taxes. This suit was successfully prosecuted, and the counties through which the lines of road pass were awarded a judgment amounting to several hun-

dred thousand dollars. Such substantial services on the part of Mr. Molloy have attracted the attention of the entire judicial district, and his re-election was the public testimonial of the confidence and trust reposed in him by the voters of the county. In connection with his legal interests Mr. Molloy is the vice-president of the Citizens' Bank of Kuttawa, but his attention is given chiefly to the duties of his office and of his private practice. He is now attorney for the Hillman Land & Iron Company, for the Ayer & Lord Tie Company, of Chicago, and other corporations.

In 1883 occurred the marriage of Samuel C. Molloy and Miss Annie Coleman, of Smithland, Kentucky, and they occupy a pleasant and attractive home on Oak avenue in Kuttawa. They now have three bright and interesting children, two sons and a daughter, Coleman, Mary and Samuel. Their friends in this part of the state are many, and the hospitality of the best homes is extended to them. Mr. Molloy has always been a stanch Democrat, and is recognized as one of the leaders of his party in western Kentucky. Wide-awake, alert and enterprising, he well deserves classification with the representative citizens of Lyon county.

JOHN P. PROWSE.

John P. Prowse, county clerk of Christian county, Kentucky, is a native of this state and dates his birth in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, December 29, 1844. America has been the home of the Prowses for a number of generations. Their original nationality is not known. It is supposed, however, that the progenitor of the family in this country came here from England. Thomas and Colonel George O. Prowse, the grandfather and the father of John P., were born in North Carolina and

passed their lives as farmers. When George O. was two years old the family came to Kentucky, where he was reared. He was an old-line Whig and then a Republican, and when the Civil war broke out he showed his colors as a Union man. He was a colonel in the state militia and was a recruiting officer. He died February 24, 1862. His wife was Miss Mary J. Wells. She was a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Francis Wells, who came from North Carolina to Kentucky at an early day and settled in Muhlenberg county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. The Wells family traced its origin to England. Colonel George O. and Mary J. Prowse became the parents of fifteen children, thirteen of whom reached adult age, and of that number only three are now living, namely: Mark L., ex-sheriff of Muhlenberg county, Kentucky; I. S., a farmer of Muhlenberg county; and John P.

John P. Prowse was the twelfth in order of birth in this family. He was reared on the home farm, receiving a common school education, and remained with his mother until his twenty-fourth year, having charge of the farming operations after his father's death. Then he left the home place, married and settled on another farm. He continued farming in Muhlenberg county until 1873, when he sold his farm, came to Christian county and turned his attention to merchandising. He opened a country store, which was known as Johnson's Postoffice, and dealt in general merchandise and tobacco, making a specialty of the latter. He continued in business at this point until 1885, when, in order to give his children better educational advantages, he moved to Hopkinsville. He served one year as deputy collector, under John Feland, and in 1890 he was elected county clerk, in which official capacity he is still serving, having been re-elected four times.

Mr. Prowse was married January 13, 1870, to Miss T. J. Atkinson, who was born in Henderson county, Kentucky, but reared in Christian county, daughter of S. C. and Theodosia (Baily) Atkinson, who came to Kentucky from North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Prowse had four children, two of whom are living. The eldest son, Frank O., died at Columbus, Georgia, June 11, 1899, while a soldier in the Spanish-American war. Their next son, Charlie, is a prominent attorney of Hopkinsville. Nonia A. died February 24, 1901. John P., Jr., is deputy clerk in his father's office.

Mrs. Prowse died September 20, 1903, at Battle Creek, Michigan. In both religion and politics Mr. Prowse has followed in the footsteps of his worthy father, being a Republican and a member of the Universalist church.

JOHN W. LITTLE.

John W. Little, a wide-awake and successful young business man of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Weakley county, Tennessee, November 2, 1867, a son of Thomas I. and Sarah Lee (Roberts) Little, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. The father was at one time a dry-goods merchant at Dukedom, Tennessee, and while yet a young man was elected county engineer of Weakley county, Tennessee, and held that position for eight years. He was also elected county clerk of the court for three terms of four years each. The first time he was a candidate for the latter office he was defeated by one vote, there being six thousand votes cast. The second time he defeated his former opponent by one vote, the same number cast. Thomas I. Little is now a prominent banker at Dresden, Tennessee.

John W. Little obtained his early education in the Dresden schools, and at the age of sixteen entered a store as a clerk, but it was when he was twenty that his business career really began. At that age he embarked in a spoke manufacturing business at Dresden, Tennessee. From the establishment of the business in 1888, until 1895, he pursued this line very successfully, but at the latter date he disposed of his interests to his brother and located at Paducah, and, buying sixty acres of land in the southeastern part of the city, established a spoke factory in that place. This property is well fitted for his purpose, being located at the junction of the N. C. and Illinois Central, and was cut off from the city proper by a ravine. Through his untiring efforts Mr. Little secured a street across the chasm from the city, the municipality furnishing half the requisite money and Mr. Little and two other private individuals the remainder. When the Illinois Central Railroad built a station upon the land its value was greatly enhanced, and Mr. Little, who is a man to grasp every opportunity, platted the surrounding property, which is known as Littlesville. From time to time he added to his plant, and now has the largest concern of its kind south of the Ohio river, and perhaps the largest in the entire country. In addition to other interests, Mr. Little owns thirty houses in Littlesville, in whose growth and prosperity he will always take a deep interest as its founder. This flourishing little community boasts a union depot, one of the largest brick kilns in Paducah and the largest stave plant in the country, known as the Hiram Plow Stave Company, the Little spoke factory, a large sawmill, fifty houses, electric lights, water works, a street car line and other conveniences of a city, all of which have been located here through the untiring industry of Mr. Little. His own factory has increased marvelously from an initial capacity of five thousand daily to the present

output of fifteen thousand, and employment is given to one hundred men, who live in Littlesville and are interested in securing its prosperity and advancing its interests. So orderly are all the people living there that although a special policeman has been assigned to the addition, he has never made an arrest.

In 1901 Mr. Little was married to Mabel Gertrude Rossiter, a native of Illinois, and a most accomplished lady. Both Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of the Broadway Methodist church, in which he is a steward. He is a member of the orders of Elks, Maccabees and the Hoo Hoo lodge. In politics he is a Democrat, and takes a great interest in local affairs. There are few men in this locality who have accomplished so much in so short a period, and perhaps the secret of Mr. Little's wonderful success lies in the fact that he builds for the future, looking ahead to ultimate results, and keeps the welfare of others in mind instead of simply promoting his own interests. Paducah is to be congratulated upon its possession of a man of such a broad gauge, untiring energy, great capacity for effecting results, and liberal spirit, and much of its material prosperity to-day is the direct consequence of Mr. Little's public-spirited endeavors.

ISAAC N. TRIMBLE.

Isaac Newton Trimble is widely known in business circles and honored and respected by all, and there is no man who occupies a more enviable position as a representative of financial interests of Wickliffe than does the subject of this review, who is now the president of the First National Bank of Wickliffe. His success in all his undertakings has been so marked that his methods are of interest to the

business world. He has based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules which govern industry, economy and unswerving integrity. His enterprise and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word, and he well deserves mention in the history of western Kentucky. What he is to-day he has made himself, for he began in the world with nothing save his own energy and willing hands to aid him. By constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position which he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Trimble was born on a farm in Livingston county, Kentucky, February 14, 1862, and is a son of James A. and Eliza (Davis) Trimble. The father was born in Livingston county and spent his entire life there with the exception of a brief period of four years passed in California, at the time of the gold excitement on the Pacific coast. He has always carried on farming, and is now following that pursuit at the age of sixty-two years. He represents one of the pioneer families of Livingston county, the grandfather of our subject having there located at an early day. James A. Trimble was united in marriage to Eliza Davis, a native of Ballard county, Kentucky, and a daughter of Joseph Davis, who settled in that county when it was a frontier region. Mrs. Trimble died in 1875, when about thirty-eight years of age. She had become the mother of eight children, but only three are now living.

Isaac N. Trimble is the only representative of the family in Ballard county. He was reared in Livingston county until he reached the age of seventeen years, and during that time acquired a fair common school education. Upon leaving the home he went to Blandville, then the county seat of Ballard county. His uncle, W. H. Davis, was then

serving as sheriff of that county, and Mr. Trimble became deputy sheriff, in which capacity he served for seven years, under his uncle and his successors. There was a brief interval, however, during his service, for in 1882 he went to Paducah, where he engaged as a clerk in a mercantile house, carrying dry-goods, boots and shoes, and owned by George T. Irvin & Company. He occupied that position for eight months and then returned to Ballard county, where he again became deputy sheriff. Later Mr. Trimble engaged in farming for three years near Hazelwood, Kentucky, and in 1895 came to Wickliffe, where he has since been a prominent representative of financial interests. His name figures conspicuously in the history of banking business of this place. On locating here he was made president of the Bank of Wickliffe and later became the president of the Bank of Western Kentucky. On the organization of the First National Bank he was chosen as the chief officer of the institution, and under his guidance this enterprise has become one of the strong financial concerns of the county. For a short time Mr. Trimble also conducted a private bank in Wickliffe, but discontinued this on the organization of the Bank of Western Kentucky.

In 1887 Mr. Trimble was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Davis, of Ballard county, and they have three children. Exerting his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, Mr. Trimble has always been found as an unfaltering supporter of the party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and has been deeply interested in whatever pertains to the growth of the county along material, social and intellectual and moral lines. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and while he has

gained prosperity it has not been alone the goal for which he has striven, for he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general welfare while advancing individual interests.

JOHN A. WASHAM.

John A. Washam, a prosperous farmer near Mayfield, Graves county, Kentucky, is a representative citizen of the county and state. He is a native Kentuckian, and has lived in the state all his life. Beginning his career with an abundance of nothing but strength of body and purpose to succeed, he has progressed with the years, and can now claim a fair and creditable amount of success in his special line of endeavor. He has lived consistently with his ideas of right, and has given his best efforts to the accomplishment of his ideals and the duties which came to his lot. Family, home, his farm, citizenship and religious, educational and social affairs have each received their due share of attention and effort, and the result is a well rounded individual and a man esteemed wherever known.

Mr. Washam's grandfather, Peter Washam, was born in the state of Virginia, whence he removed to Marshall county, Kentucky, where his son Isaac was born, and where the latter has made his home all his life, being a substantial and well known farmer of that vicinity. For sixteen years he was a magistrate in the eighth district of Marshall county, and was also deputy clerk of the county. During the Civil war he espoused the side of the Union, and in 1862 enlisted in the Fifteenth Kentucky Cavalry and served during the remainder of the war. He was once taken prisoner, and was confined in Fort Hyman. He has been a Republican in politics, and he and his wife

are members of the Methodist church. He married Mary P. Ray, who was also born in Marshall county, and was a daughter of Hix J. Ray, a native of North Carolina and of English descent. She is deceased, but her husband still enjoys fair health at the age of sixty-five years. They had a family of twelve children: Willis A.; William O.; Luella M., wife of John Mathewsis; John A.; James B.; Thomas K.; Benjamin C.; Fayett H.; Mary F., deceased, wife of D. Reed; Annie E., wife of Nelson Owens; and twins that died in infancy.

John A. Washam was born in Marshall county, Kentucky, August 3, 1862, and after his early training and schooling he started out to make farming his life work. He has been steadily engaged in this line of enterprise all his life, and from nothing, through his good management, hard work and thrift, has become the owner of a fine farm of eighty-six acres on the Wadeborough road, two and a half miles from Mayfield.

Mr. Washam is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. October 21, 1885, he married Miss Susan Smith, who was born in Marshall county, Kentucky, and is a daughter of James K. P. and Elizabeth (Lyles) Smith, who were both born in Marshall county, and are still living, in Graves county, the former aged fifty-eight years and the latter fifty-nine. Martin Lyles was the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Washam, and Rachael Wyatt Lyles, her paternal grandmother, was born in North Carolina, and at the age of six years moved to Marshall county, and is still living at the age of seventy-three, making her home with her son. Mrs. Washam is one of thirteen children, as follows: John W., Susan C., Thomas W., Nancy A., Mary E., Tina E., Ellwood A. (deceased), Henry E., Nina H. (deceased), Hardin L. and Mont E. (twins), Kirk (deceased),

and Early L. Mr. and Mrs. Washam have had the following children: Weslie C. (deceased), Carrie M., Clemie A., James C., Omer E. and Ransom B.

GEORGE ADAM FINCH.

George Adam Finch, deceased, was born in Fulton county, Kentucky, February 2, 1854, and died at his home in Hickman county, Kentucky, May 3, 1887. He was a farmer by occupation, and everything promised a successful career for him, when he met death as a result of a horse's kick, being only past thirty-three years of age.

In 1874 he married Miss Elizabeth Jane Conley, a daughter of Owen and Martha (Plummer) Conley, who were natives of Tennessee, coming to Fulton county, Kentucky, when Mrs. Finch was a child. The father died here a few years later, and the mother passed away in death about 1872. These parents had but three children, two daughters and one son. The son, Hilary Plummer Conley, was a farmer of Hickman county, but died very early in life, when twenty-two years of age. One daughter, Anna, died when only thirteen, so Mrs. Finch is the only survivor of the three children. She was born in Pontotoc county, Mississippi, July 31, 1849. She was principally reared in Fulton county, Kentucky, and was married in 1874. Her husband was a son of John and Sallie Nicie (Cook) Finch. To her marriage four children were born, who, together with herself, reside on a well-improved farm in Hickman county about three miles north of Fulton. Her children are John Anderson Finch, a farmer and a respected man, and the daughters are Lurena Ellen, Martha Amanda and Pearl. Mrs. Finch is a member of the Christian church, and enjoys the confidence and respect of her children and a wide circle of acquaintances.

HON. THOMAS J. ELMORE.

Hon. Thomas J. Elmore was born in Holmes county, Mississippi, May 22, 1836, and was reared in his native county and educated in Madison College, of that state. He embarked very early in the vocation of school teaching, and continued it until the late Civil war between the north and south broke out, when, in the freshness of young manhood, he raised a company known as Company G. Fourth Mississippi Infantry, Baldwin's Brigade and Stewart's Corps, and continued in service till the Confederacy surrendered, engaging in all of the important battles in the Mississippi and Tennessee departments. He was a prisoner of war three times, viz.: Fort Donelson, sieges of Blakely and Vicksburg; was offered promotion to a colonelcy for gallantry at the latter siege. He was an efficient officer, a faithful soldier, discharging every duty so as to win the respect of his men and the commendation of his superiors. When the war closed he returned to Mississippi, where he was engaged in farming until 1869, when he moved to Mayfield, Kentucky, and has continued the agricultural pursuits in this state until the present time. For a period of seven years he was engaged in the grocery business under the firm of Watts & Elmore; subsequently in the dry-goods business under the firm name of Hale & Elmore. He has been successful in his principal lines of endeavor, and is a representative of the best class of Graves county citizens.

Captain Elmore has always been an ardent believer in Democratic principles, and has represented his county in both branches of the state legislature, where he proved a steadfast and able defender of the interests of his constituency, and identified himself with the progressive element of the state's lawmakers. He was sent as a delegate to the

state constitutional convention, which, during its work in 1890-2, framed a new fundamental law for the state, and he succeeded in embodying several sections in the new instrument that have been of great interest to the state. Captain Elmore is a believer in the Missionary Baptist church, and is chairman of the Democratic county committee.

He comes of an English family, which early settled in the south, and his paternal grandfather was born in Georgia. William and May (Reynolds) Elmore, his parents, were born in South Carolina and Alabama, respectively, and the following children were born to them: Elizabeth, Thomas J., Robert H., Richard, Stephen H., May, Carrie, Lon and Lee—all deceased except Thomas J., Stephen H. and Lee, the latter being a resident of California.

Prior to Mr. Elmore's removal to Kentucky he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ophelia Weems, December 19, 1865, of Holmes county, Mississippi. She was a lady of fine literary attainments and great strength of character, and was an excellent wife and mother till death took her away in 1897. Eight children were born to this marriage, viz.: Carrie, Bettie B., Eleanor P., Kate C., Oscar, Beulah, James M. and Thomas J., the three last deceased.

ROBERT S. COLEMAN, M. D.

Occupying a prominent position both as a leading physician and representative citizen of Caldwell county, Kentucky, is Dr. Robert S. Coleman, of Princeton. He was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, March 8, 1830, and traces his ancestry back to England. Several generations of the Coleman family, however, have lived and died in this country. Dr. Coleman's grandfather, Robert S. Coleman, and his

great-grandfather, also named Robert Coleman, were born in Culpeper county, Virginia. William H. Coleman, his father, was a native of North Carolina, born in Rockingham county, whence, about the year 1818, he moved to Tennessee and settled in Stewart county, where his life was passed in agricultural pursuits, and where he died in 1850. He was a personal friend of David Crockett, and voted for him on one occasion, this being the only time when his vote was not cast with the Democratic party. In Stewart county, Tennessee, William H. Coleman married Miss Polly Gatlin, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Gatlin, a Baptist minister, and the only son of James Gatlin. The Gatlins are of German origin. Ephraim Gatlin's wife was a Miss Bruton, whose father, George Bruton, was a native of Scotland, born of Scotch-Irish parentage. William H. and Polly Coleman had an only child, Robert S., whose name graces this sketch.

Robert S. Coleman was reared in his native county, assisting his father with the farm work, and attending school about three months each year. He was about twenty years old when his father died, and after his father's death he remained on the farm with his mother until his marriage and for some time thereafter. His mother died in Calloway county, Kentucky. In 1860 he moved to Henry county, Tennessee, where he continued farming until the liberation of the slaves. In the meantime, while engaged in farming, he had taken up the study of medicine, to which he devoted his leisure time. Then he went to Nashville, Tennessee, and took a medical course in the university, where he graduated in 1862. Shortly after his graduation he entered the hospital service in the Confederate army, with which he remained until September 24, 1863. On that date he was captured. He was paroled at Fort Heiman, returned home and did not again join the army, as he

was never exchanged. He engaged in the practice of medicine, in partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. A. J. Weldon, at Buchanan, Tennessee, with whom he was associated in business for a period of six years, at the end of which time Dr. Weldon moved to Paris Landing, Tennessee. Dr. Coleman remained at Buchanan, conducting a successful practice, until 1872, when he removed to Murray, Kentucky, and from there, in 1887, he came to Princeton. All these years he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession and has gained high standing in the medical fraternity. Dr. Coleman is president of the Caldwell County Medical Society, ex-president of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, and has membership in other medical organizations. Also he is on the Princeton board of health, having been a member of the same since its organization.

Dr. Coleman's father was a Mason, and he, too, has for years been identified with this time-honored organization. He is a member of Clinton Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M.; Murray Chapter No. 92, R. A. M.; and Paducah Commandery No. 11, K. T. Also he is a member of the Knights of Honor and of Jim Pierce Camp, U. C. V.

Dr. Coleman was married November 7, 1856, to Miss Fannie Williams, born in Henry county, Tennessee, in 1837, daughter of John H. and Annie (Williams) Williams. Sons and daughters to the number of six have come to bless their home, and with one exception all are still living. William C. died in Henry county, Tennessee, at the age of four years. The others have grown up to occupy useful and honored positions in life; J. R. Coleman, M. D. is a practicing physician of Paducah, Kentucky, and a sketch of his life will be found on another page of this work; James H. Coleman is a prominent attorney of Murray, Kentucky; Thomas E. Coleman is a merchant of Princeton,

Kentucky; Mary is the wife of Dr. Van A. Stilley, of Benton, Kentucky; and Fannie is the wife of Singleton D. Hodge, an attorney of Princeton.

EDMUND H. DANIEL.

Edmund H. Daniel belongs to a pioneer family of Princeton, Kentucky, where he was born and reared, and has for many years been a useful and respected citizen. Mr. Daniel was born September 8, 1829, son of Alsop Y. and Mary M. (Harris) Daniel, both natives of Culpeper county, Virginia, the date of the father's birth being October 30, 1790. The parents left their Virginia homes early in life to come to Kentucky, and it was in Princeton, in 1826, that they were married. The father was by trade a coach-builder. He died January 13, 1841, in Princeton.

Edmund H. Daniel was an energetic boy, and at an early age showed a disposition to do something for his support. At the age of nine years he started out peddling ginger cakes. From this humble beginning he worked his way up; clerked in a confectionery store, learned the candy and baker's trade, and was thus employed five years; went to Eddyville, Kentucky, and for some time clerked in his uncle's dry-goods store. Returning to Princeton, he clerked in a dry-goods store for August May, later in a saloon and grocery for T. J. Johnson, and still later was in the employ of A. Denney. December 28, 1864, he engaged in business in partnership with his brother, R. T. Daniel, with whom he was associated five years, doing business in the old Calvert block. He then bought the lot on which his present business place is located, and in the winter of 1869-70 erected the build-

ing which he has since occupied, and where he has conducted a successful business during this period of more than thirty-three years.

Mr. Daniel has been a Democrat all his life, but in the local elections he votes for the best man regardless of political views. Fraternally he is a Mason, having identified himself with the Masonic order forty years ago, and remained a member in good standing in the same ever since.

February 15, 1850, Mr. Daniel married Miss Manerva Perry, a native of Caldwell county, Kentucky, and a daughter of W. P. Perry, a farmer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel have no children of their own, but have reared and educated seven children.

LEOPOLD FRIEDMAN.

Leopold Friedman, deceased, was born in Germany in the year 1829. He was given a liberal education, in the best schools of Germany, and at the age of twenty-six left his native land for America, to seek his fortune and a home. His father was one of the largest wine merchants of Nuremberg, Germany, but the young man, possessing a good education, and noble ambitions, set out to battle for himself. Upon his arrival in this country, he entered the wholesale dry-goods business in the city of Louisville, Kentucky. When the Civil war came on, this concern having large business relations with the south, suffered heavy losses, by reason of the ravages of the war and the extreme financial depression prevailing at that time. Consequently, at the end of the war, Mr. Friedman found himself with very little resources, but still possessing that spirit of aggressiveness and ambition, and he again became

active in business affairs as a member of the firm of Griff & Co., which soon gained a large volume of business, and enjoyed a heavy trade of enormous profits.

Having been a wine merchant in his native land, he now turned his attention to a form of business akin to that of his youth. Accordingly, he established a vinegar factory in Louisville, which proved successful. In 1878, being influenced by his son, Joseph L., who had preceded him to Paducah, Kentucky, in 1875, Mr. Friedman came to this city and connected himself with the company under the style of Joseph L. Friedman & Company, and it soon gained a profitable business, manufacturing a vinegar that became famous for its high quality. Mr. Friedman remained in charge of this business till his death, which occurred in 1886. His son, Joseph L. Friedman, who had meanwhile been connected with him, assumed full control on his father's death, and successfully conducted the enterprise till 1890, when it was sold to the company now operating it, under the name of the O. L. Gregory Vinegar Company.

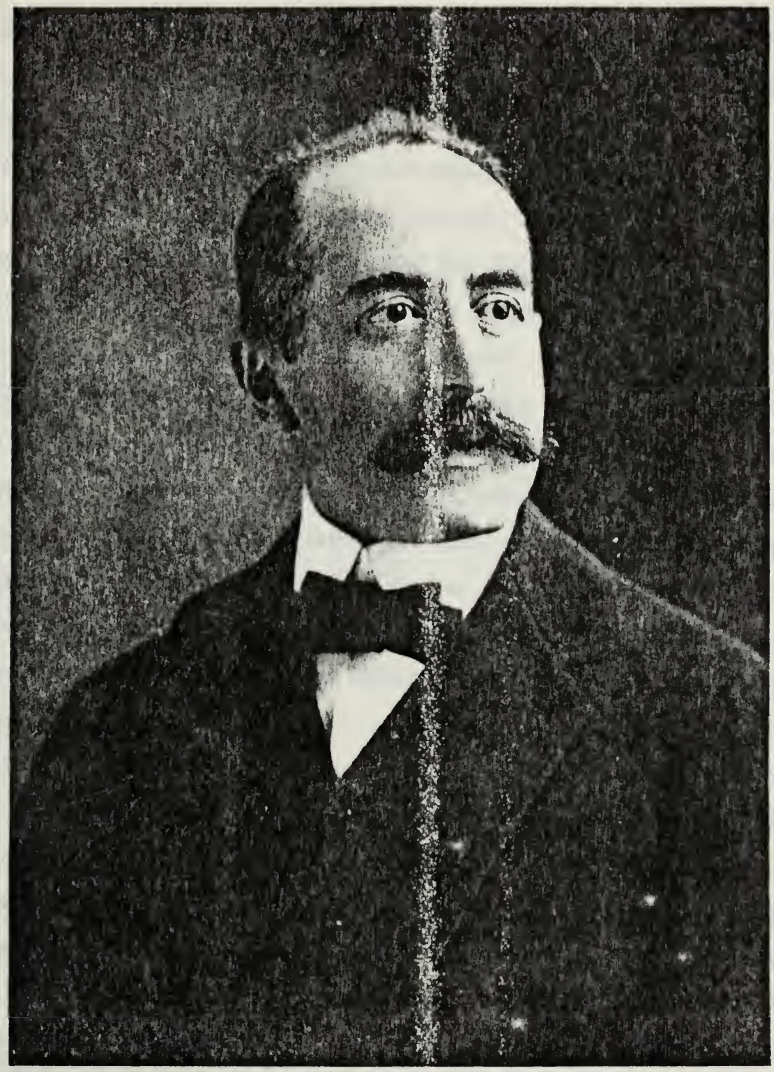
Mr. Leopold Friedman was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was genial, kind and considerate; in business dealing, he was fair and just. To his family, he was kind and generous, and in his death there passed away a good citizen, an excellent business man, a faithful friend, a beloved husband and father. Long will he be held in affectionate memory. His good wife survives him, and is well known in Paducah, her friends being numerous. Perhaps no lady of the city is more generously loved and respected than she. She possesses many excellent traits of character, and is both an educated and cultured lady. In her early life, she was noted for almost unsurpassed beauty, grace,

and refinement that solicit admiration and reverence. She possesses marked religious sentiment, her religion being that of the Hebrew faith.

JOSEPH L. FRIEDMAN.

Among the representative and enterprising citizens and men of business affairs in Paducah, there is none more conspicuous than he whose name introduces this personal memoir. Mr. Friedman was born in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the 14th day of April, 1857, a son of the late Leopold Friedman and Louise (Weil) Friedman. Having received an excellent education in the schools of Louisville and in Cecilian College, Mr. Friedman, at the age of eighteen years, came to Paducah, Kentucky, where he accepted a clerical position in a clothing store. In 1878 he induced his father to come to Paducah and establish a vinegar factory, under the style of Joseph L. Friedman & Company, and thereafter, till the death of his father in 1886, he was associated with the latter in the manufacture and sale of vinegar, and from then he continued to manage the business till 1890, when, to an advantage, he sold, and the manufactory has since been conducted by the O. L. Gregory Vinegar Company.

In 1890, Mr. Friedman entered into a partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Keiler, for the distilling and wholesaling of liquor, under the firm name of Friedman, Keiler & Company. They operate a distillery in Nelson county, Kentucky, and are the second largest distillers and wholesalers of liquor in the state. Their famous brand is known as "Brook Hill," and their volume of business has steadily increased from the beginning. Taking into consideration that the firm began business only thirteen years ago, and to-day stand second among the many



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like concerns of the state, the firm has met with remarkable success. This success has been well merited by reason of the splendid business management together with fair dealing.

Besides active connection with this firm Mr. Friedman is also prominently identified with many other business enterprises of Paducah, among which there might be mentioned the Paducah City Railway Company, of which he is a director; the City National Bank, of which he is vice president; the Palmer House Company, which owns the Palmer House and the Kentucky Theater, and in which company Mr. Friedman is the president; the Smith & Scott Tobacco Company, of which he is a director; and in addition to these he holds interest in other minor forms of business. The business interests are mentioned to show our subject's prominence in business affairs. He has a spirit of enterprise and progression well worthy of emulation. His remarkable success places him among the most active and sapient business men of western Kentucky.

In 1886 Mr. Friedman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Keiler, a lady of rare accomplishments. Their home is celebrated for its generous hospitality, and both Mr. and Mrs. Friedman belong to the highest circles of Paducah society. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, and also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Honor. In these orders he is popular, but no more so than he is with all who know him. While politically Mr. Friedman is a stanch Democrat, he has never sought political preferment. Instead, he prefers the life of a purely business man, and his has been a successful career in that field of activity.

But in the affairs of life, where man meets man in everyday rela-

tions, he has shown his noble character. Among his hosts of friends he is esteemed for his genial spirit and also for his brotherly helpfulness in crises. He never fails to respond to requests for charity, and this makes one of the spheres of his activity. Such a personage as Mr. Friedman is a distinct ornament to the community, one of the pillars which uphold the structure of society and give it stability. Honesty and integrity in business and personal life, loyalty to friends, free-handed generosity and kind-heartedness in his dealings with all, are characteristics which increase his esteem among men and widen his beneficent influence with each succeeding year of life.

WILLIAM HENRY RICH.

More than twenty-five years of active business life in Princeton, Kentucky, entitles William Henry Rich to rank with the pioneer merchants of the town. Mr. Rich is a native of Kentucky. He was born in what was then Caldwell but now Lyon county, near Eddyville, December 28, 1845, and on the paternal side traces his ancestry to England. Several generations of the family, however, have been residents of this country. His grandfather, William Rich, and his father, Jesse Rich, were natives of Tennessee. In an early day the family moved from Tennessee to Illinois and shortly afterward came to Kentucky, where Jesse Rich was reared and where he engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm near Eddyville, in Caldwell county. He died in the prime of life, at the age of thirty-seven years. The mother of our subject was Julia Ann Holesapple before her marriage. She was a native of Caldwell county and a daughter of one of the pioneers of that county, who had moved to this state from Virginia. He was of German origin.

Jesse and Julia Ann Rich were the parents of five children, all of whom reached adult age, namely: William Henry; Mary Jane, deceased; James M., who resides on the old Rich homestead four miles west of Princeton; Sarah E., wife of Andrew George, a resident of Caldwell county, Kentucky; and Nancy Jane, widow of James Holloway, also a resident of Caldwell county.

William Henry Rich was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools near his home, and when a young man began teaching school, intending to follow teaching for a livelihood. Two terms, however, were sufficient to convince him that some other occupation would be more congenial to his taste, so he turned his attention to teaming, and the next five years was occupied in hauling goods from Eddyville to Princeton. Next he engaged in merchandising at Dulaney, Kentucky, where he was in business three years, and whence, in 1877, he came to Princeton. His first business venture here was in a meat market, which he ran for a year and a half. Then he bought a half interest in a stock of groceries and liquors, soon afterward purchased the other half, and in January, 1880, took in as partner a Mr. Miller, and the firm became Miller & Rich, and continued as such until October 15, 1885, when Mr. Rich bought his partner's interest and three months later closed out the liquor department of the business, adding in its stead a stock of confectionery. Later he added hardware, and still later harness and saddles, and has since run a general store, carrying all these lines of goods and doing a prosperous business.

During his long residence here Mr. Rich has always taken an active interest in public affairs, has served as a member of the city council, and for five years was city clerk. He is a Democrat politically. Fraternally

he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is secretary of the lodge at Princeton.

While a resident of Dulaney Mr. Rich was married, in 1875, to Miss Josephine E. Selles, daughter of Reuben and Emily Selles, of Caldwell county, Mrs. Rich having been born in that part of Caldwell county which is now Lyon county. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich, two died in infancy. The others are Ida Lee, wife of P. A. Steele, a conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad; and Charles S., who is associated in business with his father.

JOSEPH WILLIAM RIGLESBERGER.

Joseph William Riglesberger, a very prominent citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, and well known throughout McCracken county, was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, January 20, 1873, and is a son of Frank Riglesberger, who was born in Baden Baden, Germany, September 15, 1851, the eldest son of the seven children born to Andrew and Catherine (Ambuscher) Riglesberger, natives of the same place.

Frank Riglesberger was educated in Germany, but had few advantages of acquiring a knowledge of English; in spite of this, about May 17, 1870, he left his native land for America, and from New York went direct to Piqua, Ohio, and there remained one month working as a laborer in a stone quarry. Thence he came to Shelbyville, Shelby county, Indiana, and became apprenticed to the carpenter trade for his uncle, John Riglesberger, with whom he served for two years. In 1876 he engaged in farming in Shelby county, and continued there until 1881, making a success of his agricultural ventures, but in the later years he moved to Morristown, Indiana, and established a sawmill with a

capital of five thousand dollars. From this beginning he worked up his business until he employed from twenty-five to thirty men, and had an annual output of nearly 2,500,000 feet of lumber, his market being principally among eastern factories.

On October 20, 1872, Frank Riglesberger was married to Phoebe Yarling, who was born February 14, 1853, a daughter of Philip and Catherine (Mohr) Yarling, both natives of Germany. The children born to this marriage were as follows: Joseph W., Frank W., Katie, Emma, Maggie, Allie M., Charles and Henry, all of whom are living. After a long and successful career in Morristown, in 1889 the father moved his plant to Paducah, Kentucky, greatly enlarging his facilities until he became one of the most extensive lumber manufacturers in the state. He was not destined to enjoy the results of his work, for he died eight years after he came to Paducah. His wife is still living.

The business was then bought and the property and mills were leased by his sons Joseph and Frank, who operate the establishment under the firm name of J. W. Riglesberger & Brother. Joseph William Riglesberger, after leaving school, worked for his father in the sawmill, thoroughly learning every detail of the business. He was married in Paducah to Miss Mary Cornilland, of that city, who has borne him three children, as follows: Louis, Joseph and Lucile. He is a well known Democrat, and was elected alderman in November, 1902, the duties of which office he is still ably discharging.

Frank Riglesberger, the junior member of the firm of Riglesberger & Brother, was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, in 1875. He was married to Miss Anna Dittman, of Paducah, in 1898. Both these young men are highly respected in the community and are recognized as leading factors in the commercial activity of Paducah. Their business, already

large, is steadily increasing, and they lose no opportunity of enlarging their fields of operation. They have just completed a new saw and planing mill, which began operations the first of January, 1904. It is a great deal larger and better equipped than it ever has been. Their lumber sales for the year 1903 were six million feet.

JOHN BOYD SLEETH.

John Boyd Sleeth, who is better known in Paducah as Captain Jack Sleeth, was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1826, and died in Paducah, Kentucky, March 12, 1895. In early life he left home to engage in boating, and readily found employment on one of the many boats which in those early days plied along the Ohio river. Finally he reached Paducah, Kentucky, and there took up his residence.

In 1845 a telegraphic system had been established at Paducah, and the entire country was excited over the freely expressed opinion of Professor Morse relative to a cable. Mr. Tal. Shafner was actively engaged in experiments as to the possibility of such a feat, endeavoring to connect St. Louis and Nashville by means of an overhead wire across the Ohio and Tennessee rivers. Mr. Sleeth was employed by Mr. Shafner, who afterwards played so important a part in the laying of the Atlantic cable, and assisted in stretching the telegraphic wire from one side of the river to the other, the center support being a tall staff attached to the top of a large hickory tree standing on an island separating the mouth of the Tennessee river from the Ohio. The weight of the wire caused it to sag so at flood stages of the waters that the taller-stacked steamers would catch and pull down the wire. Young Sleeth, who had some knowledge of the principles of insulation, conceived the

idea of laying an insulated wire across the river bed. His idea was received with considerable skepticism by Mr. Shafner and others, but finally Mr. Shafner consented to make the attempt. With an ample supply of the wires then used for telegraphic lines on hand, the work of laying the first submarine cable began, and the result came after nearly a year. The wire chosen for use as the cable proper was one strand, and it was stretched along the float and wrapped first with canvas such as was then used for roofing steamers, and which had been thoroughly soaked in hot coal tar pitch. The covering process was continued until the wire was about half an inch in diameter and then it was guarded by a wire of a smaller size, this being placed parallel, as is now the custom. It was then wrapped by loose coil with another wire of the same size. The number of wires laid parallel to the cable outside of the canvas insulation was eighteen. The cable was made in sections and joined before being laid. This cable was over a mile long and when laid was reeled off from the end of a large "broadbow" boat in tow of a steamer craft. It worked successfully for several weeks; then the pitch became water-soaked and failed to operate successfully, and the cable was abandoned, but the idea had proved practical, the difficulty lying in the poor insulation. Some months later Mr. Field sent a representative to Paducah to see Mr. Sleeth, and an offer was made him to continue his investigations and enter into a partnership. As Mr. Sleeth was then in very moderate circumstances he was forced to decline this very flattering offer. He resumed boating, soon after being made captain of a Tennessee river steamer. He never patented his cable or made any attempt to do so, but abandoned it entirely after the first failure. Nevertheless he gave to the world the demonstrated idea that it was possible to connect by a link of wires distant lands, separated

by water, and to encircle the globe with a message within forty minutes without any special effort. The submarine cable, the idea of which was conceived by Mr. Sleeth and under his direction laid at Paducah, was the forerunner of the world's great system of submarine cables.

Captain Sleeth was engaged in boating until the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Confederate army and served under General Roddy, gaining the rank of captain during the war. After the conflict was over he went back to the river and became one of the very best known, competent and popular of western steamboat captains, although his life was principally spent upon the Tennessee river. Until within one year of his demise Captain Sleeth was engaged in his work, and he left behind him a record of which his family may well feel proud, while his estate was a large one, accumulated by his untiring efforts. In his happy home Captain Sleeth was always a kind and loving husband and father; in the city of Paducah he was universally respected, and with men of his own calling his experience made him a man of great esteem.

In 1867 Mr. Sleeth married Margaret McGaugh of Mt. Hope, Alabama, who is still living, aged fifty-five years, a lady of much refinement and culture. The children born to Captain and Mrs. Sleeth were: John Sleeth, who died young; James Porter Sleeth, who is a well known business man of the city, educated in the Paducah public schools and the Louisville College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1901, after which he purchased the drug establishment of E. H. Gilson at the corner of Ninth and Broadway, and is now engaged in conducting this concern. James P. Sleeth married, in January, 1903, Miss Sue Janes, daughter of William Janes, a well known real estate agent of Paducah.

Robert Sleeth, a brother of our subject and resident of Pittsburg,

Pennsylvania, has a record from Mr. Field, of New York, stating that he obtained the idea of a submarine cable from Jack Sleeth, of Paducah, Kentucky, to whom he had sent a representative while he was residing in Paducah, to get this same idea, and this record Mr. Sleeth values very highly as it is to a certain degree a slight recognition of his brother's great service to science and civilization.

ELBRIDGE GUTHRIE.

Elbridge Guthrie, dry-goods merchant of Paducah, was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, in the year 1849. His parents were John James Guthrie and Martha (Goodman) Guthrie, natives of Buckingham and Cumberland counties, respectively. The paternal grandfather, William P. Guthrie, was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, of Scotch ancestry, while the maternal grandfather, Thomas Goodman, was born in Amelia county, Virginia. John James Guthrie was a farmer by occupation. In politics he was an old-line Whig, but when the Civil war came on, with fitting loyalty to his native state, he cast his lot and fortune with the Confederate states by enlisting in the Confederate army. He served therein until the close of hostilities, then returned home and resumed civic life, and farmed until his death in 1893, dying at the ripe old age of seventy-four years. He died in March, and in December of the same year his wife's death occurred, she being seventy-four years of age also at the time of her demise. To this worthy couple were born the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth England, of Graves county, Kentucky; Mrs. Georgie Shepard, of Virginia; Mrs. Alice Apperson, of Virginia; Mrs. Martha J. Shepard, of Virginia;

Mrs. Angeli Foster, of Virginia; Thomas G., John B. and Forest, all living in Virginia; Edward B., of Paducah, Kentucky, and Elbridge.

Elbridge Guthrie was reared on his father's farm, and given a fair literary education. In October, 1869, he left the parental home. The greater part of the two succeeding years he spent in Calloway county, Kentucky. In 1871 he came to Paducah to accept a clerical position with his cousin, J. J. Guthrie, then a dry-goods merchant of this city. For twenty years thereafter he was a dry-goods clerk. In 1893 Mr. Guthrie embarked in the dry-goods business on his own account. He has propered in business and to-day is recorded among the substantial and trustworthy merchants of Paducah. September 21, 1880, Mr. Guthrie married Miss Mollie McElroy, a daughter of the late James H. McElroy, of Lebanon, Kentucky, where Mrs. Guthrie was born and reared. Her mother bore the maiden name of Jane M. Grundy and was born in Washington county, Kentucky, in 1814. She is now past eighty-nine years of age, and makes her home with Mrs. Guthrie. Her father was Samuel Grundy, a brother of Felix Grundy, who served as United States attorney general.

One child has blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, Robert Rivers, born January 22, 1892. They are members of the Presbyterian church, and are numbered among the most respected of Paducah's people.

JOHN HORACE TERRELL.

John Horace Terrell, deceased, was born in Richmond, Virginia, March 12, 1815, and died in Paducah, Kentucky, in 1876. He was a son of Chiles and Cordelia (Upshaw) Terrell, both natives of Virginia. His parents came to Kentucky in 1835 and settled on a farm at old Wil-

mington, the first county seat of McCracken county. While his father resided on a farm, farming was incident in his life, for he was a pioneer school teacher, and teaching was his profession. He was a well educated man and a very competent instructor. Both he and his wife died here.

Their son, John Horace Terrell, received a fair education and early in life embarked in business of various forms. As a speculator he was successful and eventually acquired large real estate possessions, much of which were farm lands, which deteriorated much in value in consequence of the Civil war. Nevertheless he died leaving a fair estate, which under the excellent business management of his widow materially increased in worth.

In 1842 he married Miss Martha Grundy. She was born in Washington county, Kentucky, December 6, 1824. Her parents were George and Mary (Logan) Grundy, the former a native of Washington county, Kentucky, and the latter a native of Virginia. Mrs. Terrell's paternal grandfather was John Grundy and her maternal grandfather was David Logan, and both were born in Virginia and were of Scotch descent. George Grundy was a farmer by occupation and in 1837 he settled in McCracken county, Kentucky, locating on the property now known as Grundy Hill, two miles from Paducah. Here he and his wife passed away in death. They were Methodists in church faith, and numbered among the respected pioneers of McCracken county. He died in 1840, aged about forty-eight years. His wife survived him many years and died aged seventy-nine years. While living in Washington county he served in the legislature of Kentucky some two or three terms. To him and his wife were born the following children: William, John, David, Benjamin, George, Robert, Thomas and Samuel, the sons, all of whom are deceased, and the daughters were Susan (now Mrs. Stone, of Louis-

ville), and Martha (the widow of our subject), the daughters being the only survivors of the family.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell were born the following children: Mary C., widow of E. W. Vaughan; Susan, deceased; and Nannie, single and living with her mother in Paducah.

Mrs. Terrell is well known in Paducah, to which city she and her husband came in the year 1853, since when she has resided here. She is respected for many excellent traits of character, both of mind and heart. She bears her age well, retaining health and mental faculties to a remarkable degree, her recollections of earlier days being very entertaining. Her life has been that of a consistent Christian, a member of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM V. EATON.

William V. Eaton, attorney-at-law at Paducah, Kentucky, and one of the city's most influential citizens, was born on a farm in the southern part of Barren county, Kentucky, March 22, 1874, a son of John L. and Mary (Jordan) Eaton. John L. Eaton was born in Barren county, and his wife was born at Tompkinsville, Monroe county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Carrol Eaton, was born in Metcalf county, Kentucky, and the father of Carrol was born in the western part of North Carolina, coming of English ancestors and being a member of an old and substantial family of that state. The maternal grandfather, Charles Jordan, was born in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, and in 1840 located in Monroe county, Kentucky. The father of Charles Jordan was born in Virginia, and the latter had elder brothers who participated in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandmother was Amanda

Lad, who was born in Winchester, Kentucky, and her ancestors came from Pennsylvania and New England. One of her ancestors, General Warren, distinguished himself and was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, while an uncle on the paternal side was in the battle of New Orleans. Both father and mother of our subject are living, residing at Scottsville, Kentucky, where the father is retired from farming, which he has made his life work. In politics he is a Democrat. The mother is a consistent member of the Christian church. Five children were born to these worthy people: William V.; James W., a farmer of Scottsville; Miss Ethel, a teacher; Ida L., at home; Lizzie, at home.

William V. Eaton was reared upon the farm until he was seventeen years of age, and first attended school in the country, but later went to the public schools of Scottsville, from which he was graduated in 1893, when he was nineteen years of age. Although young for such a position, he taught in the schools of Scottsville for five years, during which time he was increasing his store of knowledge in a general way and reading law, and then spent two years in South Kentucky College at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, continuing his law studies, and on April 19, 1899, was admitted to the bar at Scottsville. In 1900, March 17, Mr. Eaton established his residence in the city of Paducah where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of law. In politics he has always taken an active part, and is a recognized factor in the Democratic ranks. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and is very popular in that organization. Of the Christian church Mr. Eaton is both an earnest and esteemed member. In 1901 Mr. Eaton was married to Miss Cora Follis, of Bowling Green, Kentucky. This marriage has been blessed by the birth of one child, Mary Frances.

The success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Eaton is all the

more deserved as he has gained it through his own unaided efforts, having since the age of seventeen not only supported himself, but also earned the means to complete his literary education and acquire a thorough knowledge of his chosen profession. He has had a number of very important cases, and in the management of which he has displayed an ability that has gained for himself rank among the representative members of the Kentucky bar.

JAMES ELMER WOELFLE, M. D.

James Elmer Woelfle, M. D., a well known medical practitioner at Paducah, Kentucky, was born October 31, 1871, at Anna, Union county, Illinois, a son of John Martin and Anna (Clark) Woelfle. The father was born December 12, 1826, in Bavaria, Germany, and died at Stonefort, Illinois, December 11, 1882. He came to America in 1849, at the age of twenty-three years, a fair representative of the educated young German. He had graduated in medicine at Strassburg, Germany, and located for the practice of his profession at Alton, Illinois.

The outbreak of the Civil war and the great need of stanch, true men, gave Dr. Woelfle an opportunity to prove his loyalty to his adopted country, and in 1861 he enlisted in the Thirty-first Missouri Artillery, Battery B, and continued in the service until the close of the war, coming out of the army as captain of his battery. Until his death he was an active member of the Grand Army. Captain Woelfle married, when about twenty-eight years of age, Miss Anna Clark, who was born at Pellum Center, Canada, March 4, 1834, of Irish ancestry. She still resides at Grand Chain, Illinois. Six children were born to Captain

Woelfle and wife, two sons and four daughters, all surviving except one daughter.

Dr. J. E. Woelfle is the youngest member of his parents' family, except one. He was reared in Anna, Illinois, and was twelve years old when his father died. His mother then removed to Vienna, Illinois, and there he pursued his education and finished the high school course before beginning his study of medicine. Dr. George Bratton was his able preceptor and prepared him for entrance to the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was graduated in 1897. After serving for six months as an interne in the St. Louis City Hospital, he located at Grand Chain, in his native state, and continued in practice there until 1901, when he located at Paducah. He is well known in the medical associations of both Illinois and Kentucky, being a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, the Southern Illinois Medical Society, the McCracken County (Kentucky) Medical Society. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason.

In 1900 Dr. Woelfle was united in marriage with Hannon Echols, who was born in Illinois, and they have one little daughter, Kathleen Marie.

THOMAS B. HARRISON.

Thomas B. Harrison, a leading member of the Paducah bar, was born on a farm in Lewis county, Kentucky, July 10, 1873, and is a son of Thomas B. and Mary (Voorhees) Harrison. The father was born near Richmond, Virginia, and belonged to a family from which have sprung many noted statesmen. The mother belonged to an equally prominent New York family. They still reside in Lewis county and are among its most esteemed residents. Mr. Harrison now lives re-

tired after an active business life, first as a merchant and then as a tanner.

Thomas B. Harrison is one of a family of seven children, four of whom are deceased. He was reared in his native county and was educated at Chester Academy at Maysville and subsequently took a course in a Cincinnati technical school. At the age of eighteen he left the farm, and after completing his education became associated with his father in the tanning business. In 1893 they sold the tannery, and Thomas went to Washington, D. C., entering the law department of the Columbian University, where he was graduated in 1896. In the same year he was admitted to the bar in Lewis county, and in February, 1897, located for practice at Paducah.

Mr. Harrison has had a very successful career in his profession. At times he has been associated in practice with a number of well known attorneys—Colonel L. D. Husbands, Henry Burnette, of Louisville, W. A. Berry and J. C. Flournoy, the latter being his present law partner. In politics Mr. Harrison has been actively identified with the Democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Elks, and religiously is a Presbyterian.

EDMOND W. HUBBARD.

Edmond W. Hubbard, attorney-at-law, of Paducah, was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, on a farm, January 29, 1866, and is a son of James P. and Helen (Nichols) Hubbard, both natives of Caldwell county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was Butler Hubbard, also a native of Caldwell county, and his father was a native of Virginia, while the Nichols family came from North Carolina.

The father of Edmond W. Hubbard was a farmer, and spent his

life in Caldwell county and was successful in his work. In 1863 he enlisted in the Forty-eighth Kentucky Infantry, Union army, and served until the close of the war. His death occurred in January, 1901, aged sixty-six years. The mother still lives and makes her home on the old homestead, aged about sixty-seven years. The father was a Republican, and he and his wife early joined the Methodist church. They reared a family of eleven children, and gave them excellent educations, although they themselves had been denied that privilege.

Edmond W. Hubbard was reared upon a farm and attended the country schools until he was seventeen years of age, when he entered Princeton (Kentucky) Collegiate Institute, where he spent two years. At the age of nineteen years he began teaching country schools in Caldwell county, and taught and attended schools alternately for some six or seven years, thus gaining a very liberal education. He became deputy postmaster at Princeton in 1892 and held that office for two years. In 1893 he was elected city judge of Princeton, and retained that office for three years. During the intervening years he attended the Louisville University of Law, from which he was graduated April 24, 1896, and, returning to Princeton, practiced his profession until 1901. In 1896 he was appointed master commissioner of Caldwell county, and discharged the duties of that office until March 1, 1898, when he was appointed deputy United States internal revenue collector, and in April, 1901, when he was transferred to the Paducah district, he removed to this city. May 1, 1903, Mr. Hubbard resigned the position of United States internal revenue collector, to again take up the practice of law, which he had suspended on coming to Paducah in April of 1901. He opened a law office in Paducah and thus resumed his profession.

In December, 1901, he was married to Miss Cora Leibel, of Paducah, and one child has been born of this marriage, Elizabeth. Mr. Hubbard is a Republican in his political opinions. He has been a Master Mason since he was twenty-one years of age, and is a very energetic, enterprising young man.

WILLIAM ALFRED WHAYNE, M. D.

William Alfred Whayne, M. D., was born in Fulton county, Kentucky, April 22, 1864, and is a son of Alfred B. and Lucy (Morris) Whayne, both natives of Kentucky. They were the parents of four children of whom our subject was the eldest. The father has been a resident physician of Fulton, Kentucky, for many years. He was one of the youngest surgeons of the Confederate army. His alma mater was the Kentucky Medical College, whence he went to Bellevue Medical College, New York. His wife died about 1876. She was a most excellent lady, and a tender, loving mother.

Dr. W. A. Whayne was mostly reared in his native county, and after receiving a liberal literary education, read medicine, first with his father, and in 1880 was graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy. In 1889 he was graduated from the medical department of the University of Louisville, and in 1895 from the New York Polyclinic. He first practiced medicine at Fulton, after he had graduated at Louisville, but later went to Greenville, Texas, and acted as surgeon of the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway for about three years. He then returned to Fulton and in 1899 settled in Paducah and established a special practice as an eye, ear, nose and throat physician, in which line he met with marked success. In 1903 he sold his practice and re-

moved west. Dr. Whayne is a member of McCracken County Medical Society, Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1890 he was married to Alice Reid. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Knights of Pythias.

JOHN D. SMITH, M. D.

John D. Smith, M. D., of Paducah, is one of the oldest and most skilful physicians of western Kentucky, and is known throughout all Kentucky and other states for the active part he has taken in recent years in connection with and in behalf of the Prohibition movement. He is a native of North Carolina. In Anson county of that state he was born, March 18, 1829, of excellent parentage and ancestry. His parents were John A. and Lucy (Williams) Smith, both natives of the county in which their son was born, as one of thirteen children.

When John D. Smith was a lad of nine years his parents emigrated westward and settled in Henderson county, Tennessee. He was reared on the farm amidst pioneer scenes, and was given a common school education. He began the study of medicine under the instructions of a practicing physician, and, becoming fitted in this way for the practice of medicine, began his professional career in Benton county, Tennessee. After a practice of four years, Dr. Smith entered the Memphis Medical College, and in 1854 was graduated therefrom. Then locating at Friendship, Tennessee, he continued there for a few years, and then removed to Dyersburg, Tennessee, where he resided and practiced medicine up to 1886, in which year he located in Paducah, Kentucky, which city

has since been his place of residence, and here he has continued in an active practice, interrupted only by his services in behalf of prohibition.

In 1861 Dr. Smith enlisted in the Confederate army, as a private, but soon after the enlistment was made assistant surgeon, and not much later promoted to rank of surgeon of, first, the Forty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, and later of the Twenty-ninth Tennessee Regiment. Subsequently he was transferred to the hospital department, and his service continued nearly to the close of the war. The Doctor is a member of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, and fraternally is a Royal Arch Mason. For nearly a half century he has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, serving as steward of the church most of this time.

In early life he supported the men and measures of the Whig political party, but on the close of the war between the states he acted in matters political with the Democratic party. In 1884 he cast his last vote for the men and measures of the Democratic party. Since then he has been an ardent supporter of the Prohibition party. Always a close student of public measures and questions, he became convinced of the dreadful consequences of intemperance and the liquor traffic, deeming it a menace to the welfare of the individual and consequently to society, to the state and the nation. At the Kentucky state Prohibition convention, held in August of 1900, he was honored by an election to the chairmanship of the Kentucky state Prohibition executive committee. He has since continued as chairman of the committee, and under his administration much effectual work has resulted, and gratifying progress of the cause has followed, the vote of the party having increased steadily, and the support of hundreds of the very best men of the state has been enlisted. To Dr. Smith's wise, consistent and well

directed efforts is due the splendid organization of the party as it now exists in Kentucky. The party is being rapidly organized in every county and community of the state, and in the fall of 1902 the party had a ticket in every congressional district in Kentucky. As an organizer and campaigner Dr. Smith possesses rare accomplishments. As a thinker and writer he has contributed much to Prohibition literature which has already given fruitage of much good in way of educating the people and creating a sentiment favorable to the cause of prohibition.

In his personal relations Dr. Smith is of a deportment calculated to win admiration and friendship. His home life is equally praiseworthy. Fifty years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Vetury White, a native of Tennessee. To him his wife has been an invaluable and devoted helpmeet. To their marriage were born eleven children, four of whom have passed away in death. Their children were given good educational advantages, and taught lessons of useful industry and moral and religious truths. Certainly the life of Dr. Smith is well worthy of emulation, and in the realm of biography a sketch of his consistent life deserves recognition.

ELI G. BOONE.

Eli G. Boone, a well known citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, who is a large real estate dealer and insurance man in this city, was born here May 2, 1852, a son of Richard T. and Lucy (Willett) Boone. Richard T. Boone was born in 1824, in Todd county, Kentucky, a son of Hick Boone, of Virginia, and died at Paducah in 1894. His wife was born at Corydon, Indiana, where her father, George Willett, was an early settler from Maryland, and she was reared in her native state.

About 1847 she accompanied a relative, Eli Gaither, by way of flat-boat, to Paducah, where she met and married Richard T. Boone. Here the parents of our subject lived during the remainder of their lives, the mother dying in 1896, aged sixty-five years. They had a family of eleven children, and five of these, three sons and two daughters, are still living. Richard T. Boone was a contractor and builder, and met with business success. He was a man of excellent mental caliber and occupied prominent positions in city and county. In politics he was a Democrat and served several years as city marshal, and later as county magistrate. In religious belief he was a Universalist and a man of the highest moral character. For many years he was prominent in Masonry and was the first Knight Templar in Paducah. Few men were more sincerely respected than was Richard T. Boone.

Eli G. Boone was reared at Paducah, and was educated in the excellent schools of this city. At the age of seventeen he began his business career in the capacity of clerk in a grocery store, and was thus employed for eleven years. Mr. Boone then embarked in a real estate business, later adding an insurance department, and has met with very satisfactory success. Like his father he is identified with the Democratic party, and has served in a number of the local offices. In 1885 he was city assessor, and in 1895 was tax collector. For eighteen years he has been a member of the board of education.

In 1898 Mr. Boone was married to Miss Mattie Vaughan, who was born in McCracken county, Kentucky, and is a daughter of S. C. Vaughan, a retired citizen of Paducah. For twelve years Mr. Boone has been an active worker in the Christian church. He holds fraternal relations with the orders of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Honor.

WILLIAM VALENTINE OWEN, D. D. S.

There is no family of Paducah better and more favorably known than the Owen family, of which the subject of this sketch is a member. Dr. Owen was born in Paducah, September 27, 1877, and is a son of Robert and Ella (Johnston) Owen. The father, too, was born in the city, his parents being the late Valentine and Bettie (Walters) Owen. Valentine Owen was a native of Virginia, but left that state as early as 1818, going west, where he secured and settled on land in southern Illinois, bordering on the Ohio river, opposite Paducah, of which city he subsequently became a founder, and resided there until his death in 1872, his wife surviving him for two years. He acquired much real estate in Paducah, in which city he erected the first brick residence. He was a carpenter by trade, and many of the early buildings of the city were put up by him. This worthy pioneer of Paducah and his wife were born in that portion of Virginia now comprising the state of West Virginia. When they made their trip west, they came with wagons and horses to the Ohio, down which they floated on a flat-boat. In politics he was an old-line Whig. Ten children were born to him, five sons and five daughters. One son, Adolph, became a steamboatman, but in 1861 enlisted in the Confederate army and served in the war until he was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. James and Robert Owen are owners and operators of the steamer Bettie Owen, a ferry or transfer boat at Paducah. Brack Owen is a well known capitalist of this same city. Of these brothers, Robert Owen is the father of our subject and one of the prominent business men of Paducah.

Dr. Owen was born, reared and educated in Paducah. He was graduated from the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis in 1899,

since which time he has practiced his profession in Paducah with marked success. Being a skilled dentist he has gained a good practice, and is one of the popular young men of the city where he has spent his entire life and is so well and favorably known.

EPHRAIM RUDOLPH.

Ephraim Rudolph, who died at Paducah, June 12, 1903, was one of the oldest and best known residents of McCracken county. He was born within six miles of Clarksville, Tennessee, April 26, 1813, a son of John and Mollie (Stailey) Rudolph, both natives of North Carolina, where they were reared and married. They then moved to Montgomery county, Tennessee, and lived until their deaths. They had ten children, of whom Ephraim was the youngest. The father was a farmer, and our subject was reared upon the farm, obtaining a very limited education. His marriage took place in Montgomery county in 1831, when he was eighteen years of age, to Catherine Carter, who was born near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and died in McCracken county, Kentucky, in 1886. To this marriage were born the following children, namely: William Andrew, deceased; Mary Jane, who married Rev. John D. Kirkpatrick; Thelbert Michael, of Paducah; Lean Elizabeth, who married C. J. Rudolph, a farmer of McCracken county; Margaret Adaline, widow of Henry Phelps, of McCracken county.

In 1840 Mr. Rudolph came to McCracken county, Kentucky, settling ten miles southwest of Paducah, but in 1867 he moved to a farm ten miles southeast of Paducah, where he made his home till death. He settled here in the woods and cleared off a good farm, and was one of the oldest pioneers in the county. For a number of years he voted the

Democratic ticket, but was later a Prohibitionist. He was a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church from the time he was eighteen years of age, and was a ruling elder the greater portion of that time. He was a man very highly esteemed in the neighborhood, and a fine type of the pioneers of long ago.

DAVIS JEFFERSON FOSTER, M. D.

The medical profession of Paducah has a worthy member in the subject of this sketch, Davis Jefferson Foster. Dr. Foster was born in Davidson county, Tennessee, February 26, 1831, son of William Sanders Foster and Nancy Jane (Walker) Foster, both natives of Tennessee, the former of Smith county and the latter of Davidson county. William Foster, the Doctor's grandfather, was also a native of Tennessee, the Foster family having emigrated at a very early day to that state from the Old Dominion. During the war of 1812 William Foster enlisted, went to the front and served gallantly, but was brought home sick of disease contracted in the army and died a few days afterward, leaving a widow and two children, William S., and Isaac C., aged respectively four and two years. With her helpless little ones, the brave widow faced the struggle of life, and brought up her children under trying circumstances. William S. grew to manhood and married in Tennessee, and settled on a farm in Davidson county, where he passed the rest of his life and where his death occurred at the age of eighty-three years. His wife was eighty-two at the time of her death. She bore Mr. Foster four children, and by a former husband she had three children.

Davis Jefferson Foster was reared on his father's farm and gained a fair education in local schools and academies. At about the age of twenty-three years he left the parental home and went to Farmington, Graves county, Kentucky, where he began the study of medicine in the office of his brother-in-law, Dr. James Henry; going thence to the University of Tennessee at Nashville, where he graduated in 1859. After his graduation he opened an office and put out his shingle in Cuba, Graves county, Kentucky, and for six years was engaged in practice there. The next eleven years he was located at Wallonia, Trigg county, Kentucky, removing thence to Mayfield, Graves county, Kentucky, where he spent the following nine years, and in 1880 he came to Paducah. All these years he has been in active practice, and has met with the success which his honorable methods and earnest efforts have merited. Both as a physician and citizen he enjoys the confidence and respect of the people of his city, where he has spent more than two decades. Dr. Foster is a member of the Paducah Medical Association, the Southwestern Medical Society and the Kentucky State Medical Association.

Of Dr. Foster's political views, it may be said that he was born and reared a Whig and that he later became a Democrat, to which faith he still adheres. He has, however, never been active in politics, never having sought or filled office. During the year 1861 he served as a private in the First Tennessee Cavalry. Dr. Foster is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In 1862 Dr. Foster married Miss Harriet Ann Richardson, who died in 1894, and in 1897 he married Virginia Catherine Richardson, her sister. By his first marriage he has four sons living, viz.: James A., William H., Richard O. and Albert M. The third born, Robert, died at the age of eighteen months.

DR. JOHN N. TODD.

Dr. John N. Todd, a prominent physician and surgeon of Fredonia, Caldwell county, Kentucky, was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, December 22, 1859, and is a son of J. H. Todd, a native of Tennessee. The Todd family is of English-Scotch ancestry. The father was reared in his native state, becoming a teacher and farmer, and in 1861 located in Webster county upon a farm. His custom was to teach in the winter and farm during the summer months. He was married in his native place to Mary Nichols, a native of Tennessee. They had eight children, as follows: William C., Thomas, Joseph, Frank and Claude, all deceased; Lillian married George Valiner, of Webster county; Laura married George Bell, of Illinois; and Dr. Todd was the eldest of the family. All the children were born in Kentucky except our subject.

When Dr. Todd was about fourteen years of age he left home to live with Dr. Jefferson Holmen, in Clay, Kentucky, with whom he later studied medicine until he was twenty-one years of age. At that age he began to practice medicine, going to Shady Grove, Kentucky, and there remained until 1898, and then moved to Fredonia, where he now conducts a very flourishing practice.

Dr. Todd was first married in Webster county, in 1879, to Molly Moore, a native of Webster, and she bore him two children, namely: Annie, who married John Kemp, of Shady Grove; and Verna. In 1888 Mrs. Todd died, and in 1889 Dr. Todd married Eliza Fox, of Hopkins county, Kentucky, and to this union one child was born, Lockett. Her death occurred in 1896, and in 1898 he was married to Nellie Lowery, the daughter of Mahlon B. Lowery, a farmer of Caldwell county. Mrs. Todd was born within sight of Fredonia. Dr. Todd, like his father

before him, is a Democrat, and is a member of the Kentucky Medical Society, the Southwestern Medical Society and the Caldwell County Medical Society. He is a member of the Baptist church, and has long been connected with the Masonic fraternity. Throughout the entire county Dr. Todd is well and favorably known, and is a man of sterling integrity, careful and conscientious in his work and a man who makes many friends.

GEORGE W. OLIVER.

George W. Oliver, one of the successful young attorneys of Paducah, Kentucky, was born on a farm in Marshall county, Kentucky, August 2, 1869, and is a son of James N. and Mary E. (Bowerman) Oliver. The father was born in Hickman county, a son of William W. Oliver, a West Virginian, who moved to Caldwell county, Kentucky. The mother was born in Buchanan county, Kentucky, a daughter of Michael Bowerman. James N. Oliver has followed farming all his life, and now resides in Marshall county, aged sixty-three years. From 1861 to 1865 he was in the Confederate army, and was a gallant and brave soldier. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife is also living, and to them were born children at follows: William Mike, attorney-at-law and partner of our subject, although a resident of Benton, Kentucky; Sarah A.; George W.; Lander K.; and one who died at the age of two years.

George W. Oliver was reared upon his father's farm, and in the county schools he gained his primary education. At the age of eighteen years he commenced teaching school, and so continued until he was twenty-nine years, in the meanwhile studying law. Although he was admitted to the bar, he did not actively engage in that profession until

1898, when he opened an office with his brother at Benton, but the following year he located in Paducah, and has an excellent business.

In politics he is a Democrat, while fraternally he is a Master Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliations are with the Christian church, in which he is an active worker. Mr. Oliver is a self-educated man, and has gained his present position of responsibility through earnest endeavor directed along legitimate channels.

JAMES EDWARD MORGAN.

James Edward Morgan, one of the oldest and best known residents of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Bedford county, Tennessee. His parents were Hugh and Mary (Marchbanks) Morgan, natives of North and South Carolina, respectively. They were married in Bedford county, Tennessee, but left that locality in 1834 and settled six miles south of Paducah, where they engaged in farming, the father's life occupation, until the latter's death in 1846. The family moved into town in 1848, and there the mother died in 1862. There were seven children in the family, but only our subject and a sister are now living.

James Edward Morgan spent his early life upon a farm and working at the carpenter's trade, but in 1854 he erected a livery stable on Market street, now Second street, and has continued to engage in the livery and feed stable business ever since, although at times he has branched out in other directions. For eight years he was engaged in a saddlery business, and for about two years more operated a grocery. In 1901 he purchased a wagon yard and conducts it in connection with his livery establishment, making a success of both enterprises.

Mr. Morgan has never married, during his earlier life devoting himself to his widowed mother and now to his sister. In politics he is a Republican, and, during the exciting period antedating the Civil war, he was an ardent abolitionist. Mr. Morgan is known all over the county, and much respected as well as esteemed, for he is a man of sterling traits of character, always ready to assist those less fortunate than himself, although the world knows but little of his charities.

MONROE NANCE.

In Troup county, Georgia, Monroe Nance was born on the 23rd day of March, 1835. Paternally Mr. Nance is of Welsh descent. His grandfather, Joseph Nance, was a Virginian, and one of a very large family of children. His father was twice married and was the father of twenty-seven children, two of whom were named Reuben and two named Sally. Twenty-five of them grew to manhood and womanhood. The family were not only remarkable because of its large membership, but also because of individual worth and honor.

The parents of our subject were Clement and Malinda (Ledbetter) Nance, natives of Virginia and Georgia, respectively. They were married in Georgia, whence they removed to Tennessee and later to Kentucky. They had ten children, of whom Monroe was the oldest and Thomas Milton the youngest, the former being the subject of this sketch, which is followed by a personal mention of the latter. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, and was of a roaming and unsettled disposition. Rather late in life he left home to seek a more desirable place of residence and employment, and thereafter no trace of him did his family gain. When fifty-six years of age his wife was

called away in death. She was buried in Camp Beauregard graveyard at Water Valley, Kentucky. She was an ardent Methodist, a woman of force of character, a dutiful wife and kind and affectionate mother and friend. Her father, Ephraim Ledbetter, was a native of Georgia and a soldier of the war of 1812. He participated in the battle of New Orleans under General Jackson, winning honors for gallant conduct.

When Monroe Nance was eight years old his parents removed to Trigg county, Kentucky, and six years later to Marshall county, this state. He received a common school education, and then took up the carpenter's trade, at which he worked from 1854 to 1875. He came to Paducah in 1868, and since that date has resided in this city. In 1875 he embarked in the undertaking business, in which he has continued with success, having interred more than fifteen thousand persons, and during the twenty-eight years he has been in the business he has held the highest esteem of the public. No business man of Paducah is better or more favorably known than Mr. Nance. Though he began the battle of life a poor youth, and when he took up his busines career he had limited capital, Mr. Nance has prospered in business, now possessing a desirable competence. While he is a stanch Democrat, he has never been active in politics, and though for some fifteen years he served as county coroner he has never sought political honors or preferment.

Mr. Nance is a Knight Templar Mason, prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of Honor, and formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is also a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, to which he gives loyal support and contributes liberally.

In the year 1859 Mr. Nance married Miss Clio Grubb, a native

of Franklin, Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Nance were born the following named children: Guy, Lee, Joseph, Edward, Samuel, Clement, Hattie, Ada, Monroe and Nellie.

Guy, Lee and Samuel reside in California; Joseph is living in the state of Washington; Edward and Monroe are employed in Paducah; Hattie is at home; Ada is the wife of A. E. Wood, of Davenport, Iowa; and Nellie is the wife of Dr. C. H. Warner, of Paducah.

THOMAS MILTON NANCE.

Among the most successful life insurance men of Kentucky there are few who have surpassed the achievements of T. M. Nance, of Paducah. Mr. Nance was born in Graves county, Kentucky, in the year 1858. His parents were Clement and Malinda (Ledbetter) Nance, of whom mention is made above in the biography of Mr. Monroe Nance.

Mr. T. M. Nance was reared and educated in Hickman county, Kentucky, and was a student in Clinton College, Clinton, Kentucky. He left school in 1882 to enter a lumber and timber business at Columbus, Kentucky. After a successful career in that city, in 1892, he came to Paducah and engaged in the insurance business, representing the Prudential Insurance Company as local manager for five years. In 1899 he accepted a position with the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company, of Newark, New Jersey, and in 1901 won the first prize and received a medal for the best class and largest insurance business in the state of Kentucky. He is now manager of this company for western Kentucky, and is well known throughout his district. He is a Democrat in politics, but has been too much occupied with private affairs to take an active part in local events. His religious home is in the Methodist

Episcopal church, South, and he has always been a liberal contributor to that body. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows of Paducah, and is popular among his fellow members.

In 1886 Mr. Nance was married to Miss Emma Austin, of Mayfield, Kentucky, who died in 1889, leaving one child, Etta. In 1892 Mr. Nance married Miss Lulu Eaker, a native of Mayfield, Kentucky, and a granddaughter of Squire John Eaker, formerly the oldest pioneer of Graves county, and one of its best business men. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nance, Lucien Clyde. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nance are highly respected by their large circle of friends, and the success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Nance is well merited.

JESSE GOODWIN GRIFFITH.

Jesse Goodwin Griffith, deceased, and for many years one of the leading producers of the fragrant weed for which the state of Kentucky is famous, was born in Graves county, this state, November 9, 1846, the son of Jasen and Betsie (Colley) Griffith, both natives of Kentucky. The other children of these parents were: Martha, who became the wife of Art Nichols, a farmer of Texas, but both are now deceased; William Griffith, who was engaged in farming in Graves county, but his death occurred in Arkansas; Millie Ann, the widow of Marion Batts, who followed farming in Tennessee; Eli Griffith, a farmer of Hickman county, Kentucky; Sanath Griffith, who became the wife of Calvin Dodson, and died in Graves county.

Mr. Griffith received his education in Graves county, and then began farming. He was successful, and was the owner of two hundred acres of land in Graves county, the principal product raised being

tobacco, in great quantities and of excellent quality. He was known throughout the western part of Kentucky, and was highly respected. His death occurred at the age of forty-two years, May 20, 1889.

His wife, whom he married February 6, 1879, and who is still living, was Miss Ellen Jenkins, the daughter of Dr. George and Hannah (Yandle) Jenkins, the former a well known physician of Graves county, but both are now deceased. Mrs. Griffith's brothers and sisters are: William Jenkins, a farmer in Graves county; Thomas, who also followed farming in this county, but his death occurred in Missouri; Henry, a farmer in Graves county; George, who died in 1865, at the age of sixteen years; Samuel, the proprietor of a grocery store at Farmington, Kentucky; Matilda, the wife of George Usher, a farmer in Idaho; James, who died in 1864, aged six years; and Martha, the wife of Riely Turnbow, a farmer in the state of Washington. The living children of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are as follows: Clara, James Albert, Alfus and Samuel. One son, George, is deceased. Mrs. Griffith is a member of the Christian church, and Mr. Griffith gave his political support to the Democratic party.

ANDREW BURGOYNE COLLEY.

Andrew Burgoyne Colley, one of the most extensive tobacco-raisers of Graves county, has lived in this county all his life, and has made a reputation for energy and business ability by the success which he has attained by his efforts. The talents that he received when he began life he has put to good use, and his prosperity results from his good management and thrifty industry. He has been an influential citizen of his community, and in whatever way he has touched the public

life of his county he has displayed the same enterprising qualities which have been characteristic of his private life.

Mr. Colley's grandfather, David Colley, was a native of Virginia and of Irish ancestry, while his grandfather on his mother's side was of German lineage. His parents were Isaiah and Eliza M. (Happy) Colley, the former a native of Trigg county, Kentucky, and the latter born near Lexington, Kentucky. Isaiah Colley was a farmer, and in politics was first a Democrat, then joined the Whigs and later the Republicans. He was a member of no church, but attended the worship of the Christian denomination. He died in 1863, at the age of sixty-five, and his wife survived him till 1900, when she passed away at the age of eighty-seven. Their nine children were as follows: Granville G., William M., deceased, Benjamin F., Christopher C., Andrew B., Theodore T., deceased, John C., Samuel E. and Mary.

Andrew B. Colley was born in Graves county, August 27, 1845, and received his educational training in the schools of Farmington. He was equipped with a capital of fifteen hundred dollars on beginning life, and he devoted it to farming. He has materially increased his property, and is now the owner of one of the finest farms in the county, containing four hundred acres of land and improved to the point that it can be compared with any farm and can be taken as a model and representative place. He operates it himself, and devotes nearly all of it to the culture of tobacco. His annual crop averages from forty to forty-five thousand pounds, of excellent quality and commanding the best prices on the market. He has devoted himself to a thorough study of the conditions affecting this important branch of Kentucky farming, and is as well posted a tobacco man as can be found in western Kentucky.

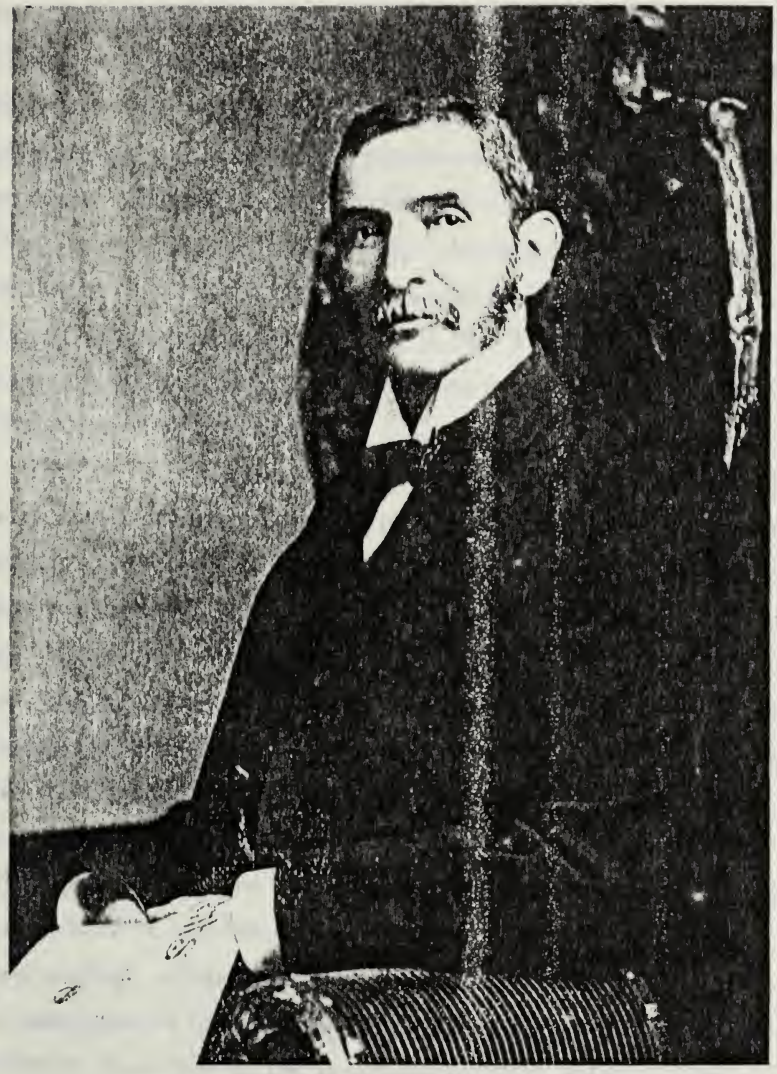
Mr. Colley belongs to the minority party in Kentucky, but zealously

supports Republican principles. He and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church. In 1873 he was married to Miss Annie Overbey, who was born near Farmington in Graves county and educated there. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Colley: Merritt O., who was a prominent lawyer in Mayfield until his death, which occurred June 19, 1901; Lubie G., a physician; Carl B., deceased; Toma J.; and Mary G.

GEORGE C. THOMPSON.

George C. Thompson, president of the American-German National Bank, of Paducah, is numbered among the most sapient business men and best known and popular citizens of this city.

Mr. Thompson was born February 7, 1849, at Blandville, the former county seat of Ballard county, Kentucky. His parents were Augustus and Susan (Grundy) Thompson. His father was a son of Moses and Nancy Thompson, and was born in Graves county, Kentucky. He was a school teacher during his younger days, but later studied medicine at Louisville and after receiving his medical diploma began his career as a physician at Blandville, Kentucky. He soon rose to a high rank in his profession, and for several years enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, but during the dreadful scourge of cholera in the year 1849 he fell victim to that pestilential disease, dying when only thirty-five years of age. His widow survived him many years. She was a daughter of Joseph and Lucy Grundy, natives of Nelson county, Kentucky. For some six years after her husband's death she continued to reside in Blandville, then removing to Columbus, Kentucky, she resided there one year, and then took up her residence on the old Joe



Geo. C. Thompson

Grundy homestead, situated between Milburn and Lovelaceville, on the Milburn and Lovelaceville road, five miles from the former and eight miles from the latter town, and seven miles from Blandville. Here she continued to reside till she passed away in death in 1867, aged fifty-one years. She was twice married. Her second husband was Fielding Bland, whom she married in 1857. By her first marriage she became the mother of five children, of whom George C. is the only survivor. One of these children was the late Dr. J. W. Thompson, of Paducah, who for many years ranked among the most skillful and successful physicians of western Kentucky.

George C. Thompson was educated at Blandville, Columbus and under a private tutor at home on the Joe Grundy farm, above mentioned; and at the Christian Brothers College at St. Louis, where he spent two and a half years. He then took up the profession of teaching. In the year 1866, he went to Paducah, and for three years thereafter taught in the public schools of this city. During the last two years of that period he was principal of the schools. Mr. Thompson then took up the study of law under Judge J. D. White and Q. Q. Quigley, the latter still of Paducah and the former now of Frankfort. At the early age of twenty-one Mr. Thompson began the practice of law. Six months later he and his former instructor in law, Mr. Quigley, formed a partnership, which continued about three years and was then closed in consequence of Mr. Thompson giving up the practice of law to assume the duties of cashier of the American-German National Bank, of which bank he is now president, and has been such official since 1890.

In the discharge of his duties, both as cashier and president of this institution, Mr. Thompson has given evidence of unusual financial ability. Under his management and that of his associates this has

become one of the most successful banks in western Kentucky. This bank has a capital stock of $230,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of $90,000. For two terms Mr. Thompson was president of the Kentucky State Banking Association, which fact indicates his prominence among Kentucky bankers and financiers. He has long since been closely identified with industrial and business enterprises in Paduah. He was an organizer, in 1886, of the company which first operated a street railway in the city of Paducah, and was president of that company. Several changes in the ownership of the Paducah city railway have occurred, but of all companies that have controlled this system of street railway he has been president. The present owners and operators of the system comprise the Paducah City Railway Company and he is president of the company.

While Mr. Thompson has always manifested considerable interest in political affairs, he has never sought political preferment, preferring the life of a strictly business man. He has always been a Democrat in politics, but in 1896, believing the measures of his party to be unwise, he gave his support to Palmer and Buckner, who were the presidential and vice presidential candidates respectively of the "gold Democrats." Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a demitted Master Mason.

In November, 1883, Mr. Thompson married Miss Mamie Taylor. Mrs. Thompson is a native of Union county, Kentucky. Her parents are now residents of Kansas City, Missouri. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely, Susie, George C., Jr., and Juliett. The family are among the most popular people of Paducah, their home being celebrated for its generous hospitality.

NICHOLAS L. GALLOWAY.

Of an old southern family that was founded in Kentucky many years ago, Nicholas L. Galloway is a worthy representative. He was born in the county which is still his home, on the 9th of April, 1855, being a son of Samuel S. and Adaline (Gillerland) Galloway, natives, respectively, of Murray county, Tennessee, and Alabama. The paternal grandfather of Nicholas L. was John Galloway, also a native of Murray county and of Irish descent, while the maternal grandfather, William Gillerland, was born in Alabama, and he, too, was a representative of Irish ancestors. Samuel S. Galloway made his home in Graves county from his boyhood days, and he devoted his entire business career to the pursuit of agriculture. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, while his religious affiliations were with the Missionary Baptist church. His death occurred in 1891, when he had reached the sixty-sixth milestone on the journey of life, and his labors were well and usefully directed. His widow still survives, and is seventy-five years of age. The following children were born to this worthy couple: John, who died in infancy; Nannie; Nicholas L.; William T.; Thomas L., deceased; Bedford T.; and Lucy.

Nicholas L. Galloway was born, reared and educated in Graves county, having attended the public schools of the neighborhood. Upon arriving at manhood's estate he embarked in the pursuit of agriculture, in which he has ever since successfully continued. Starting out in life a poor man, he has gradually worked his way to success alone and unaided, and is now the owner of a fertile and well improved farm of ninety-two acres, all of which is well improved. In politics he also casts his vote in favor of Democracy, but the honors or emoluments of

office have had no attraction for him. In his religious affiliations he is a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

In 1881 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Galloway and Miss Maggie Finney, she being a native daughter of Graves county, and in its public schools received her education. Four children have been born of this union, as follows: Lunford L., Jefferson (who died in infancy), Dotha and Boocie. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway are well and favorably known throughout the county in which their entire lives have been passed, where they also have many warm friends, and are worthy representatives of the farming interests of Graves county.

WILLIS ALVIN BERRY.

Willis Alvin Berry, attorney-at-law and a successful citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Uniontown, Kentucky, January 17, 1870, and is a son of William Franklin and Anne (Berry) Berry both natives of Union county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Martin M. Berry, was also a native of Union county, Kentucky, and a lawyer of some prominence. The father of Martin was born in Virginia, where he was well known and very successful. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was also Berry, and she was a daughter of Philander Berry, who was a native of Kentucky and an early settler of Uniontown, where he engaged in farming.

William Franklin Berry, father of Willis A. Berry, was born May 24, 1828, and was educated in the common schools of his native county, later preparing for the practice of law, in which he was engaged for about thirty-five years. He died February 14, 1893. In politics he was a Democrat and twice represented his party in the state legislature,

in 1880 serving in the lower house and from 1886 to 1891 was in the state senate, being sent from Union and Henderson counties. As a lawyer he was a good advocate and pleader, an able attorney and commanded a large clientage. He was noted for his eloquence and uprightness both as a lawyer and as a citizen. In religious profession he was a stanch Presbyterian, and always gave liberally toward the support of the church. His widow resides in Uniontown, honored and respected by all who know her. Five sons were born to these worthy people, as follows: Henry E., a merchant of Uniontown; Willis Alvin; Philander, of Kansas City, Missouri; John J., editor of the Uniontown *Telegram;* and Noel A., a merchant of Uniontown.

Willis Alvin Berry was educated in the common schools of his native county, and after finishing his literary course, studied law with his father, being admitted to the bar August 24, 1890. For the following three years he continued with his father in the practice of law and became quite prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party, but in 1898 he removed to Paducah, where he is now associated with William M. Reed under the firm style of Reed & Berry. This firm conducts one of the largest law practices in the county, and Mr. Berry is recognized as one of the leading representatives of the bar in this locality.

In 1896 Mr. Berry was married to Miss Pearl Baker, of Paducah, and four children have blessed their union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry are consistent members of the Christian church, and take an active part in its good work. Fraternally Mr. Berry is a member of the Order of Elks and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Intelligent, able and eloquent, Mr. Berry has already attained an enviable distinction in his profession and has very brilliant prospects for the future.

YOUNG TAYLOR.

Some men succeed in a certain chosen avenue of life by reason of most favorable circumstances and environments afforded them in the early portion of their career, in the way of affluence, given or inherited capital or established business. An individual of such splendid opportunity and auspicious entry upon a business or professional life of course deserves praise for improvement of opportunity and for successful achievement, but he who began the battle of life for himself under unfavorable circumstances and attains success is surely entitled to much more credit. Such a man is frequently styled a self-made man. Young Taylor, whose name introduces this biographical sketch, is a type of the self-made man. Born of humble yet respectable parentage, he had not the advantages of schooling and capital in early life to equip him for attaining the gratifying success which has, nevertheless, attended his career.

Mr. Taylor was born October 6, 1857, in the town of Smithland, at the mouth of the Cumberland, in Livingston county, Kentucky. His father was a farmer and ship carpenter, giving less attention to farming than to his trade. The son as one of a family of thirteen children was reared on the farm which adjoined the village of Smithland, and was past twenty-one years of age when he abandoned farm life. His parents were William C. and Mary A. (Dilwood) Taylor, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Missouri. They were married in Polk county, Illinois, and resided there for a short time after their marriage, and then lived for a time in Paducah, which was then not much more than a wood yard and river landing. Then they removed to Smithland, where they spent the rest of their days, the father dying

in 1877, aged about fifty-seven years. The greater part of his life was devoted to ship carpentering at Smithland, in those days a thriving town, where one of the most important steamboat-building and repair concerns on the Ohio river was located.

Perhaps the father's trade had an influence in determining that of the son, for in 1879, with a young wife and child, in poor circumstances, the latter left the farm, and, purchasing at Smithland a small open flat-boat, ten by thirty feet, transferred down the river to Paducah his scant household effects. He and his family landed in that city with but thirty-five cents. Finally he found employment, and eventually engaged in ship carpentering. Later he embarked in boat and barge construction on his own account, and in 1898, upon the organization and incorporation of the Paducah Dry Docks Company, Mr. Taylor secured stock in the company and has since then been its vice president and general manager. This company has the largest dry docks on the Ohio and its tributaries, and does a vast amount of business, constructing steamboats and other river crafts and repairing the same under Mr. Taylor's management, and already the company has experienced a steady growth and increase of business and profits.

Mr. Taylor gained only a limited common school education in life, but he has applied himself industriously to his work and whatever business was on hand, and as mechanic and business man in his line he has gained a wide-spread reputation. Among his fellow citizens he is popular, as was shown in November, 1902, when he was elected city alderman on the Democratic ticket by the largest majority ever given a candidate for a like office in the city of Paducah. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and several fraternal insurance orders.

When twenty-one years of age Mr. Taylor married Miss Laura St. John, who was born in Smithland, Kentucky, October 7, 1857, and is but a day younger than he. Their parental homes were adjoining. With the exception of eight years spent with her parents in Evansville, Indiana, when a girl, Mrs. Taylor has lived in Kentucky all her life. She has borne her husband seven children as follows: Iva, William, Allice, Young, Myrtle, Henry and Annie.

VERNON BLYTHE, M. D.

In the young physician whose name heads this sketch the medical profession of Paducah, Kentucky, has a member well equipped for the life work upon which he has entered. Dr. Vernon Blythe was born in Murray, Calloway county, Kentucky, July 13, 1876, son of William and Martha (Wright) Blythe. William Blythe was a son of Zacariah and Nancy G. (Drake) Blythe, both natives of Virginia and representatives of early families of that state. It was in Suffolk county, Virginia, that William Blythe was born. Some time in the forties the family left the Old Dominion and came west to Kentucky, locating in Calloway county, William being then a mere child. Here Zacariah and Nancy G. Blythe passed the rest of their lives. William Blythe grew to manhood and married in Calloway county, and here he, as also his father, had various business interests. He died in the prime of life, at the age of thirty-seven years. Martha (Wright) Blythe, Dr. Blythe's mother, was a native of Tennessee, her people having removed from North Carolina to that state, thence to Kentucky. She died at about the age of thirty-six years, leaving five children, of whom one is deceased.

Vernon Blythe is the youngest member of his father's family. He

was reared in Murray and educated at Central University, Danville, Kentucky, where he graduated with the class of 1896. That year he went to New York and entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he took the regular four years' course, and received his diploma in 1900. Immediately after his graduation he went west to Colorado, and in Colorado Springs began the practice of his profession. He remained in Colorado, however, only a short time, returning to Kentucky in 1901 and locating in Paducah, where he has since practiced.

Dr. Blythe is a member of the Kentucky State Medical Association, the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

ZELOTES CLINTON GRAHAM.

Zelotes Clinton Graham, one of the best known citizens of McCracken county, was born in Bloomington, Indiana, February 6, 1847, a son of William and Margaret (Purdy) Graham, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Virginia. The paternal grandfather, Robert Graham, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, a son of John Graham, a native of Scotland. To William and Margaret Graham there were born the following children: Phoebe, widow, resides at Grahamville; Zelotes C.; Robert, of Grahamville; William, of Missouri; John, of Grahamville; Julia, of Illinois; Emily, of Illinois; Ettie, deceased; and Minnie, of Grahamville.

William Graham was a farmer, and from Indiana he moved to Iowa when our subject was four years old. When the child was twelve

years old he moved to Marshall county, Kentucky, and eight years later to McCracken county, and here died more than thirty years ago, aged forty-four years. The mother died at Grahamville in 1903, aged seventy-six years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church as well as was her husband.

Zelotes C. Graham received a common school education and began the struggle of life for himself at the age of seventeen years, when he was thrown upon his own resources. He was employed in various ways until he was thirty years old, when he opened a country store where Grahamville now stands. He was the founder of the town, which was named in honor of him. Here he resided carrying on his store and conducting a tobacco warehouse for twenty years, and still maintains business interests there, but in 1898 he changed his place of residence to Paducah, while he also established a tobacco warehouse in this city, and is now carrying on a large commission business. He began life a poor boy, but has met with great success. Fraternally he is Master Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious affiliations he is a Methodist, and in politics he is a Democrat.

In 1871 he married Rachel Ratcliff, a native of McCracken county, and seven children have been born to them, namely: Charles E., county clerk of McCracken county; Maud, who is married; Luther A., a tobacconist; Maggie, who is married; Gertrude, who is married; Lizzie, who was drowned in 1901, when the steamer Golconda sank in the Ohio during a fierce storm; and Z. C., Jr.

Mr. Graham is a man very widely known and highly respected by a large circle of friends. His business ability and integrity are unquestioned, and he possesses the power to win men and retain their

friendship. He has borne an important part in the development of the county, and will be long remembered as one of its most representative men.

J. ANDY BAUER.

J. Andy Bauer, one of the successful business men of Paducah, Kentucky, where he owns and operates the largest pottery plant in that locality, was born in Jeffersonville, Clark county, Indiana, November 11, 1856, and is a son of J. Andy and Julia (Slosser) Bauer, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were married. Prior to coming to America J. Andy Bauer was engaged in farming, but after coming to this country in 1852 and settling in Jeffersonville, Indiana, he followed the trade of a plasterer, in which line he continued until a short time before his death. At that time the parents of our subject went to Louisville, Kentucky, and soon after, in 1897, the mother died, and in 1899 the father followed her.

J. Andy Bauer obtained a fair education in the public schools of Jeffersonville, and his first labor was in the Howard ship yards. For six years he continued to work as a laborer, but in 1875 went to Louisville and engaged with his brother in a large pottery, remaining there until 1880, when he located in Paducah, and established a pottery on his own responsibility, purchasing a small plant from Frank Parham. Mr. Bauer has steadily increased his facilities and appliances until he now owns the finest pottery in western Kentucky, giving employment to seventy-five men and turning out a high grade of work which meets with a ready sale all over the country. His fields of operation have so enlarged that several traveling men are kept busy on the road, and Mr. Bauer himself visits some of his customers.

In 1884 Mr. Bauer was united in marriage with Emma Dargel, a native of Louisville, and they became the parents of eight children, three of whom are deceased. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served his party on the school board for six years to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. Fraternally Mr. Bauer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has taken two degrees in the Masonic lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are consistent members of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, in which body they are highly esteemed. Mr. Bauer is a genial, public-spirited man, and one who makes and retains many friends. He is well and favorably known throughout a wide territory, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

THOMAS HERNDON.

There are few families in the south of more honored name, and whose members have been more prominently identified with the civic life and progress of their respective communities, than the Herndons. Their history in America begins with an Englishman who settled at Fredericksburg, Virginia, many generations ago, and his descendants have ramified in the south and west, and made an honorable place in business and professional lines. William Herndon, the great-grandfather of Thomas Herndon, was a member of the famous "Lighthorse Harry" Lee's troopers in the Revolutionary war; his son William was a native of North Carolina, and in this state was also born Chesley Herndon, in 1800, who lived the life of a farmer in his native commonwealth, and died there in 1876. His wife was Tempest Rigsby, of the Rigsby and Picket families, both old and highly respected in North

Carolina, and of English descent; she died at the age of forty-five, after having become the mother of ten children.

Thomas Herndon, the only survivor of this large family, was born in Orange county, near Durham, North Carolina. His early life was passed on a farm, and, as the system of public schools was then little known in that state, his advantages were few. At the age of sixteen he left home to begin life for himself, and, after working for some time in Tennessee, found himself possessed of the means and the desire to gain further education. He entered Oak Grove Academy, near Clarksville, Tennessee. Among his instructors was Professor Edward Hewitt, and when the Civil war came on, the teacher and pupil organized Company L, Fourteenth Tennessee Infantry, of the Confederate army, the former becoming captain, and the latter orderly sergeant. The term of enlistment was for twelve months, and at the expiration of that time, while at Yorktown, Virginia, under the command of General Joseph E. Johnston, the company re-enlisted for three years, or the end of the war, and at the reorganization, Captain Mallory succeeded Captain Hewitt, and Mr. Herndon became second lieutenant. The regiment went into northwest Virginia, to General Lee's immediate command, and to Stonewall Jackson in Virginia and Maryland, thence back to Yorktown to General Johnston. It participated in the battles of West Point, Seven Pines, seven days under General Lee around Richmond, and under Jackson fought at Cedar Mountain, and in the second engagement at Bull Run Mr. Herndon was severely wounded. He was away from his company while it was in Maryland, in the battles at Harper's Ferry and Antietam, but rejoined the command at Fredericksburg, and was present at Chancellorsville. He was detailed as special adjutant, and acted as such at the battle of Gettysburg. In

this world-famous struggle, owing to the disability of the other officers of Company K, Fourteenth Tennessee, he took command and opened fire July 1, 1863, thus opening the battle. He and Brigadier General Archer were captured here, and were not exchanged (though transferred) until after the surrender of General Lee, when he was paroled at Augusta, Georgia, to which point he had been sent.

After the surrender of General Johnston, and the close of the war, Mr. Herndon returned to Jordan Springs, Tennessee, and resumed civil life as a merchant; he later purchased a farm and was engaged in conducting that, also. He made a success in his venture, and in 1868 sold out and went to Clarksville, Tennessee, where he engaged in the tobacco trade, for the next twenty-five years conducting the most extensive warehouse business in that line south of the Ohio river. His prosperity was uninterrupted until the panic of 1893, and three years later he sold out his interests, and removed to Paducah, Kentucky, which is still his home. In company with others, he established in Paducah the Enterprise Warehouse, but this was discontinued after three years, and since then the firm of Thomas Herndon & Company has been engaged in the handling of tobacco as warehouse merchants. Mr. Herndon is looked upon as one of the stanch and reliable business men of the south, and has a most excellent reputation as a man of integrity and fair dealing in this section of Kentucky .

Mr. Herndon has been twice married. In 1866 he became the husband of Miss Sallie Dinwiddie, who died in 1880, leaving four children. The oldest, Jefferson Davis Herndon, after giving promise of becoming a most successful business man, being a young man of noble traits of character and highly esteemed, died in 1899, at the age of thirty-two years; he left a widow, whose maiden name was Minnie Wilhelm, and

she is now a successful teacher in the public schools of Paducah. Minnie Herndon, the second surviving child, became the wife of C. B. Lyle, of Clarksville, Tennessee; Miss Kate Herndon is a teacher in an academy near Clarksville; and William died at the age of eight years. Three other children died in childhood. In 1882 Mr. Herndon married Miss Laura Coleman, who became the mother of three children; the eldest died at the age of three, and the other two are Frances and Chesley. Mr. Herndon is a Master Mason and a Knight of Pythias, belongs to the Methodist church, and in politics is of the rank and file of the Democracy.

RICHARD BENJAMIN BARRY.

Richard Benjamin Barry, deceased, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 7, 1833, and died November 11, 1892, at Paducah, Kentucky. He came of an old Kentucky family, and was reared and educated in Louisville, being the youngest of seven brothers. He learned the trade of blacksmithing in Louisville, and devoted himself to steamboat blacksmithing. While residing in Louisville he married Mary Little, a native of that city, now residing in Memphis, Tennessee, with her youngest son. In 1861 he came to Paducah, and the same year entered the Confederate army, serving until the close of the war, after which he returned to Paducah and followed his trade until the time of his death, being moderately successful. In politics he was a strong Democrat, and served as a member of the city council for about six years. His religious opinions made him a member of the First Christian church. Fraternally he was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry had six children, two of whom are deceased. Thomas Isaac, the eldest, was born in Louisville, September 7, 1860, and came to Paducah in 1861 with his parents, being there reared and educated. From boyhood he has looked after himself, and drove the delivery wagon for W. H. Harris, grocer, for four years. He entered the grocery business for himself at nineteen years of age, and for four years carried it on with marked success, after which he sold his interests and engaged with Captain E. Farley for two years. He then was with Edward P. Noble & Company, wholesale grocers, as general clerk for nine years, never losing a single hour. At the expiration of this time he and W. Y. Noble formed a partnership in a coal and feed business, but soon after Mr. H. A. Henneberger purchased the interest of Mr. Noble, and the firm became Barry & Henneberger, dealers in coal and feed, corner Ninth and Harrison streets, where they have met with remarkable success, and have built up a large business.

In 1881 Mr. Thomas Barry married Miss Clara, daughter of Captain C. C. Bowman, and two children have been born to them, namely: Pearl and Edward. In politics he is a Democrat, and was alderman for eight months, until he resigned. He is an ex-official member of the Methodist church, and is a very enterprising young man, devoted to the memory of his father, and delighting to give him honor.

THOMAS H. LOVELACE.

There is no field that is more inviting to a man of ability, nor one in which his activity can be more productive of results of far-reaching importance than that of politics, and the community is to be congratulated on account of having in its midst one who gives his best

energies and efforts in promoting the cause of the party with which he is affiliated. Since he was first competent to vote Mr. Lovelace has been one of the most industrious and consistent Democrats in Fulton county, and his efforts have been of great value in promoting the public welfare.

Mr. Lovelace is yet a young man, being but twenty-five years of age. He was born in Union City, Tennessee, on the 26th of February, 1879, and acquired his education in the public schools there. In 1896 he removed to Fulton, Kentucky, and for a number of years was city editor of the Fulton *Daily Leader,* and for one year was editor of the *Dixie Democrat* of Bardwell, Kentucky, and has also been editor of the Hickman *Courier,* of Hickman, Kentucky. He occupied that position until the 1st of May, 1903, when he resigned to accept a better position, being now private secretary to the Hon. Ollie M. James, member of Congress from the first Kentucky district. Mr. Lovelace has made a close study of political issues, and is deeply interested in everything bearing upon his country's progress in this connection. He is also interested in merchandising in Fulton, but is perhaps most widely known as a prominent figure in Democratic political circles in the first district. He is a man of pleasing address, social and genial manner, and makes friends wherever he goes.

ADOLPHUS I. ELLIOTT.

Adolphus I. Elliott is a native son of Graves county, and has spent his entire life within its bounds. He has followed farming as his principal occupation, and has been known for his excellent qualities of citizenship and industry and enterprise in whatever undertaking he has

engaged. Mr. Elliott is a son of William A. Elliott, who was born in Washington county, Kentucky, July 11, 1827, and died August 11, 1871, and was a son of James Elliott, also a native of Washington county. William Elliott was a devoted member of the Catholic church till the day of his death. While he was stanch in his adherence to the principles of Democracy, he never sought political favors. He married Miss Lucinda C. Ingraham, who was born March 5, 1828, a daughter of William Ingraham, a native of Virginia, and she is still living at the advanced age of seventy-five, but in excellent health. She has been the mother of eight children, as follows: Nancy J., deceased; Samuel C., deceased; William H.; Adolphus I.; James A., coroner of Graves county; Laura B., deceased; Lucinda F., wife of Christ Toon; and Nannie F., wife of Samuel Curtsinger.

Adolphus I. Elliott was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, April 18, 1860, but was reared in Graves county, where he attended the public schools. He was brought up on a farm, and early showed a preference for agriculture, which he has followed so successfully ever since. He is now the owner of one hundred acres of good land, with fine improvements of a permanent nature, at the town of Freda. He has evinced much skill in his methods of farming, and his place will compare with any farm of its size in the vicinity. He has been prominent in the public life of the little community of Freda, and was its postmaster for four years. He gives his allegiance to the Democratic party, and is a member of the Catholic church.

October 2, 1882, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Elmira Ballard, who was born in Graves county, August 14, 1862. Eight children have come to bless their home, as follows: Nannie R., born June 21, 1884; William C., December, 1885; Lillie G., August 16,

1888; Mary G., June 14, 1891; Lawrence J., September 18, 1893; Joseph A., June 20, 1896; Arthur D., September 26, 1898; and Beatrice, June 14, 1901. Mrs. Elliott is also of the Catholic faith, and she and her husband are held in the highest esteem in the neighborhood where they have proved themselves such useful citizens and kind and helpful friends.

JESSE McCLAIN GILBERT.

Jesse McClain Gilbert, attorney-at-law at Paducah, Kentucky, was born near Benton, Marshall county, Kentucky, February 13, 1860, a son of Hugh and Sarah Ann (Walters) Gilbert. The father was born in Mississippi and was a son of Joel Gilbert, a native of Virginia. Joel was a son of Jesse, and Jesse was a son of John Hale Gilbert, born in England. Jesse Gilbert was a native of Virginia, and married Anne Sims, a cousin of General Washington.

Hugh Gilbert was a merchant for forty years, and also engaged in farming in Marshall county, Kentucky. In 1880 he located in Paducah, and conducted a mercantile establishment until his death in 1889, when he was sixty-nine years of age. His wife died in 1878, aged sixty-nine years. They had twelve children, of whom nine are living.

Jesse McClain Gilbert was reared upon a farm three miles south of Benton, Kentucky. His education was obtained in the country schools, the Benton high school and State Normal School at Bloomington, Illinois. In early life, when only fifteen years of age, he taught his first school, and alternated teaching and attending school for some time. Among other places, he taught school in several counties in western Kentucky, and gained an enviable reputation as an educator. In 1890

he was elected county superintendent of schools of McCracken county and served as such for four years thereafter. Meanwhile he took up the study of law under the late Judge Jesse C. Gilbert, of Paducah, one of the most profound and able lawyers whose career has graced the record of the Paducah bar. In 1892 Mr. Gilbert was admitted to the bar, and since then has been an active and successful practitioner of law in Paducah and the adjoining country. Appreciating his ability, in 1901 the people elected him city attorney of Paducah on the Democratic ticket. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, to the Modern Woodmen and Maccabees, and is also a Redman. In religion he is a Methodist.

In 1879 Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage with Miss Eugenie Wood, a daughter of Rev. Gray Wood of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have one child, Miss Birdye, a graduate of the Paducah high school and Young Women's College of Asheville, North Carolina, and a very accomplished and charming young lady and skilled musician.

JAMES CAMPBELL.

James Campbell, attorney of Paducah, was born in that city, April 9, 1843, and is a son of James and Mary Campbell. The father was born in Petersburg, Virginia, and the mother was born in Salem, Kentucky. The former came of Scotch ancestry, his father having been born in Scotland, but became an early settler of Virginia and a soldier in the Colonial army, settling at Petersburg, Virginia.

James and Mary Campbell were consistent members of the Presbyterian church, in which the father was an elder and generous contributor, being in every way a most worthy and upright man. In ad-

dition to other interests he was president of the Branch Bank of Louisville.

James Campbell was reared and educated in Paducah, and studied law with his father, being admitted to the bar in 1866, when but twenty-three years of age. From 1880 to 1886 he served as circuit judge. He has been a member of the city council for a number of years. In politics he is a Democrat, and very active in local affairs.

In December, 1868, he married Miss Mary K. Wheeler, daughter of Dr. James Wheeler, of Christian county, Kentucky. Four children have been born of this marriage, namely: J. W. and James K., and Bessie C. and Miss Jennie. Mr. Campbell has large real estate interests in Paducah, and is justly regarded as one of the leading men of the county.

JOHN H. STEVENS.

John H. Stevens, ex-sheriff of Caldwell county, Kentucky, and one of the enterprising residents of Princeton, was born July 5, 1854, a son of Jesse and Polly A. (Stevens) Stevens, both born in Caldwell county. The paternal grandfather was Edward M. Stevens, also born in Caldwell county, and a son of Elijah Stevens, from North Carolina. The maternal grandfather was General Jesse Stevens, also a native of Caldwell county, a half-brother of Edward M. Stevens. Jesse, the maternal grandfather, served in the Confederate army during the Civil war as general.

John H. Stevens is the only son born to his parents. He had two sisters, one of whom is deceased. The father being a farmer, John H. Stevens was reared to an agricultural life. While a Democrat in politics, the father never sought or held office. A fair common school edu-

cation was given our subject, and his early life was spent within a mile and a half of Princeton. His first work for himself was done on a farm, but he soon embarked in an ice business in Princeton in 1877, and has since continued in that line, although he has retained his farm. His residence is in Princeton, where he has a very pleasant home in which he has lived since 1885.

In 1886 he was elected, as the Democratic candidate, to the office of county assessor, and was re-elected in 1890, and served a little more than two terms of four years each, on account of a change in the law, or nine years. In 1897 he was elected county sheriff, and served with honor for four years. He has been very active in politics, and for the past few years has been chairman of the county central Democratic committee. In 1882 he was happily married to Miss Mary P. Guier, a native of Louisiana, and to this union six sons and one daughter have been born.

THOMAS H. MOLLOY.

Thomas H. Molloy, circuit clerk of Lyon county, Kentucky, was born in this county on a farm, January 31, 1848, and is a son of Samuel B. and Maria J. (Reed) Molloy. He was reared upon the parental farm and given a good common school education. The father was killed when our subject was a child, and the lad was thrown upon his own resources. He farmed until 1886, and has spent his life in Lyon county, where he still owns farm lands. On the Democratic ticket in 1886 he was elected circuit clerk of the county, and has been successively re-elected ever since. Prior to this he had served as county assessor for four years, and deputy county assessor four years prior to that.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Mary V. Kinsolving, of Lyon

county, Kentucky, and they have two children, namely: Walter P. and Ethleen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Molloy are members of the Methodist church, South.

Samuel B. Molloy, deceased, was born in what is Caldwell county, Kentucky, and was a son of Demarcus and Anna (Beck) Molloy. Demarcus was born in Princeton, Gibson county, Kentucky, and from there moved to Caldwell county where he farmed, lived and died. The mother of Samuel Molloy was born in what is now Lyon county, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Maddox) Reed.

C. C. REYNOLDS.

C. C. Reynolds, deceased, was for more than two decades a respected and successful farmer of Christian county, Kentucky. He was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, January 10, 1849, and was reared and educated there. In 1872 he came to Christian county, Kentucky, where a few years later he married and where he passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in 1897, leaving a widow and four children.

Mrs. Hattie (Hopson) Reynolds, his widow, was born on the farm on which she still lives in Christian county, in January, 1849. Her father, Edward Hopson, also a native of this county, was one of its best known and most highly respected farmers. He died here at the age of fifty-five years. Henry Hopson, the grandfather of Mrs. Reynolds, came to Kentucky from North Carolina and made settlement in Christian county at an early day, he being among the primitive residents of the county. Mrs. Reynolds' mother was before marriage Miss Eliza Willis, who was born and passed her life in Christian county, and who

died here at the age of forty-four years, in 1861, leaving a family of seven children, all of whom reached adult years. Of this family only two are now living, Mrs. Reynolds and her brother Charles, who resides with her. Mrs. Reynolds was reared on the home place, a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres, and here, in 1875, she married C. C. Reynolds, at whose death, as above stated, she was left with four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Fannie L., wife of Hurbert Cox, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Anna May and Edward, at home; and John, of Paducah, Kentucky. Mrs. Reynolds is a member of Shilo Methodist Episcopal church.

HENRY BUCHANAN.

Well may America boast of her citizenship, for great have been the accomplishments of her sons in all lines of endeavor which contribute to the sum of the world's progress. In this land where every man is born equal before the law, where the road to public usefulness and public honor is open to all, it is worthy of note when an individual, by his merit and ability, is enabled to pass others on the highway of life and reach the goal of prosperity. Standing in an eminent position among the leading citizens of Hickman and Fulton county is Henry Buchanan, who at an early age started out in life for himself and has had an eventful career, being connected with many events which have left their impress upon the history of the country.

Mr. Buchanan was born in southern Maryland, near Harper's Ferry, on the 29th of March, 1824, a son of Robert G. and Fanny (Wise) Buchanan. The father was reared in Maryland and secured a fair education there. He was a painter by trade, and instructed two

of his sons in the work of that craft. He was still following his trade when he met a tragic death, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. While crossing a street in Buffalo he was run down by a heavy wagon and killed. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-six years. In the family were nine children, as follows: Mary Ann, Hiram and Matilda, all deceased; Henry; John and Alfred, who have also passed away; Louise; Charles; and Kate, deceased.

Henry Buchanan spent his boyhood days in the city of Buffalo, New York, and acquired a common school education. When twenty years of age he began learning the painter's trade under the direction of his father, and at intervals throughout his entire life has followed that pursuit. When about twenty-one years of age he joined the American navy, at Boston, and served for three and a half years on the ship Columbus. On the expiration of that period he returned to Buffalo and began work at the painter's trade.

In 1848 Mr. Buchanan was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Waldo, a daughter of Nathan Waldo, of New York. The following year he went to California to seek his fortune, attracted by the discovery of gold, his wife remaining in Buffalo. He was fortunate in striking a rich claim on the Yuba river, at Rattle Snake Bar, and after two years of hard work he returned to Buffalo with a neat fortune. In 1853 he again went to the Pacific coast, this time making his way to Oregon, where he opened a hotel; but after a short time he again located in California, engaging in mining at Yreka. While there the town was destroyed by fire, but its enterprising citizens at once rebuilt it, and Mr. Buchanan, who secured the contracts for painting, made several thousand dollars by his work there. Mr. Buchanan is familiar with life in California in early mining days. Not from hearsay but from actual

experiences has he learned of the conditions which existed in the far west during the times of the mining excitement, when people from all sections of the country flocked to the coast in search of the precious metal, the great majority going with the hope of honestly winning success, while others went for the purpose of living off of others' gains, and thus causing a lawless element which was not quelled until the respectable men took the law into their own hands and brought order out of chaos.

Mr. Buchanan is also a veteran of three wars, having participated in an Indian war, in the Mexican war and in the Civil war, and he was ever found a brave soldier, loyal to the cause under which he enlisted. In the Civil war he was a lieutenant in the famous "Orphan Brigade," belonging to Company H, Ninth Kentucky Regiment, of the Confederate army. After 1864 he acted as commander of scouts and did gallant service. His first fighting, however, was in border warfare, when as a young man he fought against the Rogue River Indians in distant Oregon. Back to the Mexican war seems a long lapse of years and all but a few of those who participated in that struggle have answered the last roll call, yet he was at Buenta Vista with the gallant Zachary Taylor, when fifty six hundred Americans routed a horde of twenty-two thousand Mexicans under Santa Anna. He served all through the war with Mexico with gallantry and distinction.

When the tocsin of war sounded for the great strife between the north and the south, he was a prosperous merchant at Louisville, but the stern alarm quickly summoned him to the front. He enlisted in Company H, Ninth Kentucky Confederate Infantry, and served throughout the prolonged struggle with marked bravery. The roster of his services, as given in the history of the famous Orphan Brigade, is as

follows: "Henry Buchanan, New York; was elected second lieutenant, October 18, 1861, and was re-elected April 25, 1862; was promoted to first lieutenant in 1862; fought at Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Hartsville, Stone River, Jackson, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Gap, Resaca to Atlanta; Peach Tree intrenchment; and ten days at Jonesboro. He was wounded at Stone River."

Ruined by the fortunes of war, at the close of hostilities Mr. Buchanan arrived in Hickman with only a dollar and a half. Since then his history—which is a splendid one—is largely familiar to the people of this locality. He secured employment in the store owned by John Millet, and in three years bought out his partner. He has successively been president of the three banks in Hickman, and at present is the president of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank. It is a rare and unique fact that every merchant, with three exceptions, now doing business in Hickman received his business education under Mr. Buchanan. It would be difficult to find any one who has taken a more active and helpful part in the upbuilding and improvement of the city or one to whom the city is more deeply indebted for its progress along lines of permanent advancement.

Fraternally Mr. Buchanan is a member of the Royal Templars and the Confederate Veterans of Louisville, and his wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Mr. Buchanan has been a life-long Democrat, and served for one term in the city council, but refused to act longer. He is still active in business, in citizenship and in social life, although he has attained the age of seventy-nine years, and it is to be hoped that he may be spared to many years more of activity. His has indeed been an eventful career, and his life has been useful and honorable. Many events which are to others matters of history are to

him matters of experience, his mind forming a connecting link between the past and the present. There are few who approach the evening of life with such vigor and such continued interests in the affairs bearing upon local advancement and national progress, and few there are who enjoy so uniformly the respect, confidence and honor of those with whom they are associated as does Henry Buchanan.

RICHARD MASON ALLEN.

Richard Mason Allen, a prominent farmer and stock dealer of McCracken county, Kentucky, was born in this county September 22, 1841, and is a son of William Peter and Lucinda (Stanley) Allen. The father was born near Petersburg, Virginia, March 20, 1812, and is now residing in McCracken county, being one of its oldest citizens. He is a son of Epps Allen, also a Virginian, and one of the early settlers of McCracken county, having come here about 1828, and died here aged about seventy-seven years. The mother of our subject was born in North Carolina, and is a daughter of William Stanley, who moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, and thence to Kentucky, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of McCracken county. The parents of our subject had three sons and one daughter, namely: William E., deceased; Needum S., a farmer of the county; Richard M.; Mary Duke, widow of Jack Williams, of McCracken county, Kentucky. The father is a Democrat, and in his religious views is a Baptist.

The entire life of Mr. Allen has been spent in his native county, where he married Irene Allen at the age of twenty-three years. She is a daughter of Dr. Lewis Allen, of Obion county, Tennessee, where she was born. Mr. R. M. Allen has been very successful and now owns three

hundred and thirty-five acres of land, and is a heavy stock-raiser and dealer. He makes a specialty of horses, being the owner of the famous pacer Dyersburg, a stallion. He also has several fine brood mares, and he is well known among horsemen. In politics Mr. Allen is a Democrat, but has never desired office.

In 1862 he went into the Confederate army under Captain Davis, and was attached to the Seventh Tennessee, serving three and one-half years, later being under Captain Falkner, and he participated in the battle of Belmont, and others. He was once wounded. He is an honorable gentleman, successful in his enterprises and holds the confidence of his fellow citizens.

JAMES M. BELL.

James M. Bell, deceased, was born in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, July 2, 1815, and died in McCracken county, Kentucky, October 8, 1889. He was a son of William and Sarah (Knight) Bell, who were from North Carolina. The children of these worthy people were as follows: Samuel, William Jesse, James, Wiley, Liza, Betsie and Polly.

James M. Bell was reared in his native county, and in 1845 he married Mary E. Hall, born in Todd county, Kentucky, December 13, 1825. She was taken when a child by her parents to Logan county, where she was reared. She was a daughter of Micagie and Harriet (Duval) Hall, the former of whom was born in North Carolina, and the latter in Maryland. They had the following children: John, Mary E., Amanda, Eliza, Susan, Jane, William, Marian, Rebecca and Taylor.

After his marriage Mr. Bell resided one year in Muhlenberg county, and then came to McCracken county, Kentucky, and there lived the re-

mainder of his days. To himself and wife were born the following children: Wiley, Jessie, Anna, Susan, John William (known as Dick), Frank, deceased, Ellen, Lizzie, deceased, and Malla. Mr. Bell was a very estimable man, a good neighbor and friend and one who never refused to assist a person less fortunate than himself. His demise was mourned not only by his family, but by a large circle of warm personal friends.

W. JESSE BELL.

W. Jesse Bell, one of the successful business men of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in McCracken county, Kentucky, February 24, 1847, and is a son of James M. and Mary E. (Hall) Bell. His father was born in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, and his mother was born in Logan county, Kentucky. His father became an early settler of McCracken county, and was a farmer by occupation, becoming very successful in his undertakings. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. During a long and useful life he was honorable and charitable and was a most highly esteemed gentleman.

Mr. Bell was reared upon a farm, and on account of the war received but limited educational advantages. During his business career he has engaged in farming, and was a bridge and road contractor for a number of years.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Lizzie Aker, who was born in Mississippi. The children born to this happy union were as follows: Clarence K., Mamie, Ray H., Jesse, Lulu and Herman. In politics Mr. Bell is a Democrat, but has never desired office.

In addition to carrying on general farming Mr. Bell is a very successful dairy farmer and owns one hundred and sixty acres of excellent

farming land. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist church. Fraternally he is a Master Mason. The whole family are held in highest esteem throughout the entire neighborhood.

JAMES BUCHANAN RAY.

James Buchanan Ray, a successful attorney-at-law and a prominent citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, was born at Blandville, Ballard county, Kentucky, February 25, 1876. He is a son of William C. and Fannie E. (Hall) Ray, natives of Hardin county and Ballard county, respectively. William C. Ray is now a leading lawyer of Bardwell, Kentucky, and a very highly respected citizen of that place.

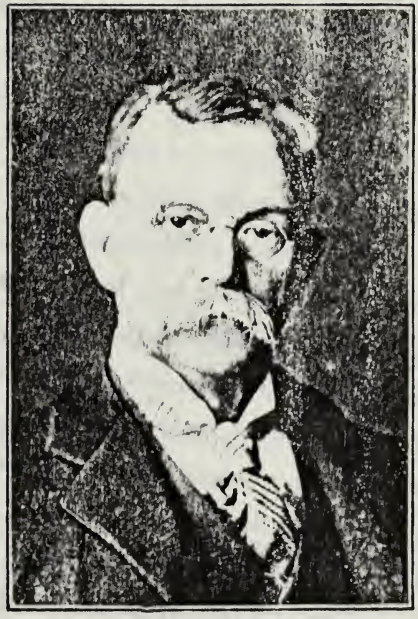
James Buchanan Ray was about seven years of age when his parents moved from Blandville to Bardwell, and in the latter city he attended high school and later entered the Northern Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso, Indiana. Later he was sent to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he completed the course prescribed and was commissioned second lieutenant of the United States Infantry, but shortly afterwards resigned to engage in the study of law in the University of New York. In the summer of 1900 Mr. Ray was admitted to the Kentucky bar, and first began his professional career at Bardwell, Kentucky, but January 1, 1901, he located at Paducah for the purpose of continuing his law practice, believing that city offered excellent opportunities in this direction. Here he rapidly rose both professionally and politically, and in January, 1903, was made private secretary to Judge J. T. Munn, of the Kentucky court of appeal at Frankfort, Kentucky. Earlier in life Mr. Ray taught for a brief period in the country schools, and later was professor of mathematics in Peekskill Military

University, a branch of the State University of New York. Mr. Ray is an active worker in the Democratic ranks and prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Order of Redmen. He is a member of the Baptist church and gives liberally towards its support.

WILLIAM WESLEY RICHMOND, M. D.

A prominent factor in the affairs of Clinton, Kentucky, is the gentleman whose name graces this sketch, Dr. William Wesley Richmond. Dr. Richmond was born on a farm in Hickman county, Kentucky, April 7, 1846, son of William and Harriet T. (Woods) Richmond, both natives of Tennessee, the former born near Nashville and the latter at Pulaski. The Doctor's paternal grandfather, Joseph Richmond, was born near Richmond, Virginia, and in Tennessee became a wealthy planter and the owner of a large number of slaves. Grandfather Woods, also, was a Virginian by birth. From Virginia he went first to Tennessee and subsequently to Kentucky. In Hickman county, Kentucky, the Doctor's parents were married, and his father was engaged in farming here at the time of his death, which occurred at the age of thirty years. He left two children: Mrs. Annie E. Alsop, a widow, now residing in Clinton, Kentucky; and William Wesley. The mother subsequently became the wife of Rev. Willis White, a Baptist minister, by whom she had three children. She died at the age of fifty-six years.

In his native county Dr. Richmond grew to manhood, his education being received in Clinton Seminary. Previous to his taking up the study of medicine he farmed a few years, and for one year taught school.



W. W. Richmond M.D.

In the office of the late Dr. George Beeler, of Clinton, he prepared himself for entering a medical college, and in March, 1874, he graduated in the medical department of the University of Louisville. In July following his graduation, he began the practice of his profession at Crutchfield, Kentucky, where he remained eight and a half years, and from there came to Clinton. Here he has since resided. In addition to his medical course at Louisville, he took a post-graduate course at Chicago in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in 1893. Dr. Richmond has a well equipped office, is a constant student, and is up-to-date in everything respecting his profession.

He is a member of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, of which he was president in 1886; Hickman County Medical Society; Kentucky State Medical Association, of which he was elected first vice president in 1898, and president in May, 1902; and Amerian Medical Association. In 1890 Dr. Richmond read a valuable paper on "Progress of Surgery" before the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society; in 1894 he read a paper on "Remittent Fever" before the Kentucky State Medical Association, and he is also the author of numerous other valuable articles on medical subjects, one being "Advancement of Materia Medica." He served one term as a member of the medical examining board of the first district of Kentucky, to which office he was elected in 1886. At this writing he is chairman of the Hickman county board of health, and referee to the state board of health for the county. While Dr. Richmond is enthusiastically devoted to his profession, he is broad-minded and public-spirited, and has not confined his influence and activities to it. He was one of the founders of the Clinton Bank, and is one of its directors; and since 1882 he has been a trustee of Clinton College. He is a worshiper at the Baptist church, of which he is a

consistent member, and he maintains fraternal relations with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Richmond was married in 1879 to Miss Lucy E., daughter of Judge Charles S. Marshall, of Paducah, Kentucky; and they have had three children, namely: Fannie Dudley, Hallie Ezell and William Marshall. The last named is deceased. Mrs. Richmond is also a member of the Baptist church.

CLARENCE M. MARTIN.

Clarence M. Martin, a prosperous tobacconist of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, July 19, 1878. He is a son of Joseph R. Martin, of Paducah, and also a well known tobacconist of Greenville and Louisville. Joseph Martin is a native of the same county and state as his son, and is a very prominent business man in Paducah as well as the other cities mentioned. The Martin family originated the celebrated "Greenville Tobacco," and has long been associated with the best tobacco interests of the state. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary K. Dennis, and was also born in Kentucky.

Mr. C. M. Martin was reared in his native county, and was educated at Greenville. For his first business venture he acted as cashier of the First National Bank of Greenville, but in 1899 he located in Paducah, and since then has very successfully conducted a tobacco business, being a heavy exporter of tobacco.

In 1900 he was united in marriage with Louise S. Bordine, of Henderson county, Kentucky. In religious faith both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are Methodists. Politically he is a stanch Democrat and stands high in

the councils of his party. The success which has attended Mr. Martin from the first has been justly obtained through earnest endeavor and the exercise of natural business ability.

LAZARUS W. POWELL.

Lazarus W. Powell, of Henderson, jurist, United States senator and governor of Kentucky, was born in Henderson county, October 6, 1812, and died in the city of Henderson, July 3, 1867. He was the contemporary of Henry Clay, Robert Wickliffe and others who have made the bar of the state famous, and on the roll of Kentucky's eminent lawyers his name is also deeply engraved. His father was Captain Lazarus Powell, who located on a large tract of land in Henderson county in 1800. His mother, Mrs. Ann Powell, was a daughter of Captain James McMahon, of Henderson county, a soldier of the war of 1812, who served with Kentucky's volunteers.

Lazarus W. Powell early exhibited those traits of character which in his later life caused him to be so loved and honored wherever he was known. He availed himself assiduously of the meager privileges for education afforded in the early days, attending the primary school taught by McEwell Wilson in the village of Henderson, later becoming a pupil of George Gayle, a gentleman of rare talent and ability as a teacher. Mr. Powell acquired a fair academic education and determined upon the practice of law as a life work. To this end he sought to enter upon legal studies at the age of eighteen, but was dissuaded from so doing and advised to first secure the advantages of a college education. With the assistance of Hon. Philip Thompson, of Owensboro, a distinguished lawyer of that day, and of Hon. John Rowan, of Bardstown, he visited

St. Joseph's College in September, 1830, and arranged for the completion of his literary education in that institution. Stimulated by the desire of speedily entering on his chosen profession, he finished the course in three years, 1830-3, and was graduated with honor. He then entered the office of Hon. John Rowan to study law, and brought to his pursuit the same eagerness, application and industry which had distinguished his work in college. He was fortunate in having for his preceptor one of the master minds of the day, for Judge Rowan was not only a well-read lawyer, but a profound scholar of rare intellect. His diction was always elegant and his speech without seeming effort. At Bardstown, Mr. Powell was in the courts where such men as Hon. Ben Hardin, Hon. Charles A. Wickliffe and Benjamin Chapeze were in active practice, and there he learned to contrast their powers, note their great strength and subject their arguments to the test of his own reason and thus to distinguish between logic and sophistry. He learned, too, under the inspiration of their impassioned eloquence, how to touch the hearts of the people, how to win their confidence and respect.

The deep interest manifested by his preceptor and those with whom he associated in the political issues of the day naturally awakened Mr. Powell's interest in the same questions and eventually led him to take part in the business of legislation. He remained with Judge Rowan until the winter of 1834-5, when he entered the law department of Transylvania University, where he received instruction from Hon. George Robertson and Hon. Daniel Mayes, the former regarded as the most profound legal theorist of the state and his reputation being as wide as the country. At Lexington Mr. Powell diligently prosecuted his studies and familiarized himself with the practical part of his profession by attendance upon the proceedings of the courts of that city,

where he became acquainted with the methods of such eminent jurists as Henry Clay, Robert Wickliffe, Judge Thomas W. Hickey, A. K. Wooley, Charlton Hunt, James Cowan and M. C. Johnson, active practitioners at the bar. In 1835 he returned to Henderson county and began the practice of the law, entering upon a successful career. A few months later he became associated with Archibald Dixon, later United States senator, which relationship was continued until 1839. Mr. Powell's high reputation as a lawyer was built upon his careful analysis of causes. He invariably prepared his cases with thoroughness and entered the court room ready to meet every possible objection that might be raised by the opposing counsel, whether it concerned the law bearing on the case or previous judicial decisions. His address, either to the court or jury, was always forcible and often eloquent.

His political career was alike able and honorable. In July, 1836, on the earnest solicitation of his friends, he became the nominee of the Democratic party for state representative, and although Henderson county was considered a stronghold of the Whig party, he made a thorough canvass and was elected, much to the surprise of his opponent. He gave careful attention to his legislative duties and labored earnestly for the best interests of the state. In 1838 he was renominated, but failed of election. In 1844 he was nominated "district elector" and canvassed his own and adjoining districts in support of James K. Polk for president of the United States. This canvass brought him prominently before the people of western Kentucky, and laid the foundation of that personal popularity which enabled him later to serve his party in more important positions. In the spring of 1848 he was nominated by the Democracy for governor, his opponent being the distinguished J. J. Crittenden, then United States senator from Kentucky. The Demo-

cratic political creed was made known and defined; the constitution, the great charter of the people's liberties, was the text upon which he and his associates in the canvass based their right to a hearing and their appeal to the reason of those whom they addressed. The canvass was a substantial triumph, though it ended in the defeat of the constitutional party.

In 1851 Mr. Powell was again made the standard-bearer of the Democracy, and his opponent for gubernatorial honors was Hon. Archibald Dixon, a resident of Henderson, and a life-long friend of Mr. Powell,—at one time, indeed, his law partner. They made a joint canvass of the state, traveled together, stopping at the same hotels and eating at the same table and speaking from the same platform. They exhibited toward each other a cordiality of demeanor and friendly spirit rarely witnessed between political antagonists. Mr. Powell was elected by a small majority, while Hon. Robert H. Wickliffe, the candidate for lieutenant-governor on the same ticket, was defeated by the Hon. John P. Thompson by several thousand votes. He was inaugurated governor of Kentucky, September 5, 1851, and although the legislature was largely composed of Whigs he so conducted the affairs of his great office—his course being characterized by the most sincere fidelity to the interests of the commonwealth—that the most exacting of his political opponents acknowledged that his entire policy was conceived and carried out with reference to the vast responsibilities that rested upon him as the chief executive of the state.

In 1858 he was appointed by the president of the United States, James Buchanan, one of two commissioners to proceed to Utah and arrange for a peaceful submission of the people of that territory to governmental authority, which work was successfully accomplished. In

1859 he was elected to the United States senate for the full term of six years, and served throughout the period of the war, closing his official career in 1865. He entered the senate at a time of great political excitement. In both houses congress was largely ruled by fanaticism or passion; the seeds of suspicion and hatred were sown broadcast over the whole land, and few men could calmly view the situation or discuss with fairness the questions of the time. Mr. Powell was peculiarly situated. He was a strict interpreter of the constitution, a strong supporter of the Union, but was opposed to coercion. His was a unique position throughout his term in the United States senate. Believing strongly in the supremacy of the national government, he was at the same time able to judge of affairs at the south with greater fairness and exactness than northern statesmen, who knew little of the situation in the disputed territory save from exaggerated reports which swept over the land. In July, 1861, Mr. Powell delivered a very strong address against the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and in January, 1862, spoke on the "resolutions of inquiry" in regard to the arrest and detention of certain citizens of Delaware, denouncing such arrests as a subversion of all constitutional rights. In February, 1862, he was called upon to defend himself on the floor of the senate against a resolution charging him with disloyalty, which was prepared by his colleague in the senate, Garrett Davis, but presented by the senator from Minnesota. In a speech, the most elaborate, logical and eloquent of his life, he conclusively established the loyalty of his public acts, the consistency and constitutionality of his opposition to the war, and overwhelmed his enemies with defeat. This address gained him a national reputation and endeared him to the friends of liberty all over the land. On the 5th of January, 1863, Senator Powell introduced into the senate a resolution in reference to

General Grant's manifesto issued on the 17th of December, 1862, by which Jews as a class were expelled from the department of the Tennessee and made an appeal for constitutional liberty and human privileges, and in the same speech arraigned the government for its interference, through the military forces, with the free exercise of the right of franchise in Kentucky. In 1864 he opposed the constitutional amendment looking to the freeing of slaves. He withdrew from the contest for re-election to the senate in a letter to the public that breathed a spirit of true patriotism. His political integrity was without blemish and his public career one of singular unity and consistency.

On the 8th of November, 1837, Mr. Powell married Miss Harriett Ann Jennings, daughter of Captain Charles Jennings. Her death occurred July 30, 1846, and her husband afterward devoted himself to his children with untiring care and attention. Three sons survived him at his death—James Henry, Charles Jennings and Richard.

Lazarus W. Powell was a most genial gentleman, always true to his principles and his friends, ever ready to forgive those who had done him injury, such was his magnanimous spirit. He was very sympathetic in the presence of human misery and bereavement and to the poor he was a liberal benefactor. He was of fine personal appearance, above medium height, was well proportioned, with a broad, noble forehead that gave evidence of the exalted ideas which guided him in all his actions. Although he never allied himself with any church he was a believer in the Bible and familiar with the contents of the sacred volume. His life was pure, true and upright in all things, and when death came he departed from the scene of his earthly activity as one who

"Wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

HENRY FIELDING TURNER.

Henry Fielding Turner, who has been a most important factor in the development of Henderson, is numbered among the valued citizens of that place and ranks among the able representatives of the legal fraternity in Kentucky.

He was born in Fayette county, Kentucky, April 29, 1829, and is connected with some of the oldest and best known families in Virginia, Kentucky and the south generally. His grandfather, Lewis Elzey Turner, married Theodosiz Payne, daughter of Colonel Edward Payne, in Virginia, and in 1782 removed with the Lewis and Payne families (between whom there was a relationship) to Kentucky, locating in Fayette county in its pioneer days. His son, Fielding Lewis Turner, the father of Henry Fielding Turner, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, but was reared in Fayette county on his father's farm. He studied law and at an early age removed to Natchez, Mississippi, where he acquired a large practice, which he turned over to his youngest brother, Edward Turner, who afterward became chief justice of Mississippi. From Natchez Fielding Lewis Turner removed to New Orleans, where he practiced law and became judge of the criminal court of Louisiana. There his fearless and just enforcement of the law brought order out of chaos and established a sense of safety where one of fear and distrust had existed. On the 21st of September, 1817, he married Caroline Augusta Sargent, daughter of Governor Winthrop Sargent of Louisiana. Later he returned to the old Kentucky homestead in Fayette county, where he practically lived a retired life, devoting his time to agriculture and literary pursuits. He died in October, 1843, survived by four children.

The eldest son, Oscar Turner, was born February 5, 1825, in New Orleans, but was reared and educated in Kentucky, graduating in the law department of Transylvania University in 1846. He lived upon his farm in Ballard county, Kentucky, and was a successful lawyer in the first judicial district, representing the commonwealth as its attorney under the constitution of 1850. He also represented his district in congress for three successive terms, being each time elected as an independent Democrat. He died in Louisville, Kentucky, in January, 1896.

Henry Fielding Turner, like his brother, was graduated in the law department of Transylvania University, at Lexington, in 1849. He was by special act of the legislature permitted to practice before his majority, and entered upon the prosecution of his profession in the year of his graduation. He was for three years a member of the bar of Lexington, and in 1852 removed to Henderson, where he has since made his home. He is thoroughly informed in the science of legal jurisprudence, has a keen, analytical mind that has gained him marked prestige in his profession, has been very successful in his chosen work, and retained as counsel in the most important litigation in the courts of his county and state. The records of the court of appeals show his name in connection with many important cases, settling "new points" of law. His stern sense of justice is such that when he believes a client is in error he will have nothing to do with his case.

Mr. Turner has never coveted office, yet he has been the retained counsel in many of the most important enterprises of his city and county by their officials. He was the counselor of the city of Henderson for many years, and in 1867 drafted its "new city charter," incorporating new provisions which have since proved of great benefit. The city school charter was drafted by him and carried into successful

operation in the face of great opposition. The school system is now one of the best in the state and the pride of Henderson.

His life has been devoted to his profession and farming; he has never sought political preferment, yet in 1894, without his solicitation, he was unanimously called by the People's party to become their candidate for congress. He made a vigorous canvass in the interests of the reform principles, especially on national finance, but with no hope of election. At the state convention of the People's party in 1896 he was appointed a delegate for the state at large to the national convention afterward held at St. Louis, Missouri, which nominated Bryan and Watson for president and vice-president.

After this he was selected by the Democratic and People's party committee as one of the two candidates for presidential elector for the state of Kentucky at the November election, 1896, representing the People's party. He was not an aspirant at either honor, the positions being unsolicited. He has always been a consistent and firm supporter of the political principles advocated by Jefferson.

In May, 1850, Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda, the only daughter of Dr. John Slavens, of Harrodsburg, a successful physician and graduate of the medical department of Transylvania University in 1825, under Dr. Benjamin Dudley. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have had five children: Sophy, wife of William Soaper, of Henderson, now deceased; Josephine, wife of Benjamin C. Allin, of Chicago; Mary, wife of William W. Shelby, of Henderson; Fielding Lewis Turner, who was graduated in the law department of Union University, of New York, in 1876, and engaged in the practice in Henderson for a few years, but is now engaged in extensive farming in Ballard county, Kentucky; and Lucy, wife of Chapman T. Blackwell,

of Henderson. There are now a number of grandchildren who add happiness to the old family homestead.

Mr. Turner joined the Christian church at an early age; his wife and children are members of the Protestant Episcopal church. In 1849 he became a member of the Masonic fraternity, was made a Knight Templar in Webb Encampment, in Lexington, in May, 1850, and was master of Good Samaritan Lodge, in 1852.

Mr. Turner is a man of domestic tastes who finds his greatest enjoyment in his home, where he is surrounded by his family and friends, to whom he delights to extend the warm-hearted hospitality so characteristic of the southern mansion. He is himself a true type of the chivalrous, aristocratic old southern gentleman whom all delight to honor. He resides upon his farm adjoining the city limits of Henderson, and is devoted to agricultural and horticultural pursuits, which he makes his source of recreation. The old place has been his home for over forty years, and each tree and flower there is to him a familiar and loved friend.

ED B. WALKER.

Ed B. Walker, editor and publisher of the *Twice-a-Week Gazette* at Clinton, Hickman county, Kentucky, is a native son of Clinton and one of its representative citizens. With the exception of a few years, he has been devoted to editorial work all the years of his active career, having learned the business when a boy.

Mr. Walker was born in Clinton, Kentucky, August 25, 1862. A few years later he lost his father, R. W. Walker, by death. He was a well known lawyer of Clinton. Harriet (Bullock) Walker, his

mother, was a daughter of Judge E. I. Bullock, a pioneer lawyer and jurist of this section; she is still living in Clinton.

Mr. Walker was educated chiefly in the public schools, and also took a course in Clinton College, but did not graduate. At the age of eighteen he entered a printing office, and in newspaper work, thus early begun, found the occupation for which his talents have best fitted him and in which he has met with best success. After following the profession of an editor in Kentucky and Tennessee for several years, he went to Texas in 1884 and became editor of a paper at Gainesville. In 1885 he served as committee clerk in the Texas state senate and then returned to Gainesville and studied law and was admitted to the bar. He practiced law there for several years, then took an editorial position on the Gainesville *Evening Register*. This latter he resigned in 1890 and returned to his "old Kentucky home," where he bought the Clinton *Democrat*, which he conducted until 1902. In November of the latter year he established the *Twice-a-Week Gazette* in Clinton, and since then has been successfully engaged in building up its patronage and making it one of the influential organs of the county and town.

The only public office to which Mr. Walker has been elected by the votes of the people was that of mayor of Clinton, to which he was chosen in 1892 or 1893. He served as chairman of the county Democratic committee in 1896 and 1897, memorable years in this section of Kentucky because of the political issues joined and settled. Mr. Walker has always been a Democrat, and has been a Hickman county delegate to many state conventions. He served as state central committeeman for the first congressional district for one or two years, 1894-5. Mr. Walker has no church connections, and is not identified with any social or fraternal organizations.

September 22, 1887, Mr. Walker was married at Owensboro, Kentucky, to Miss Jennie Greene, and four children have been born to them, three girls and a boy, the latter the eldest and now about fifteen years old.

JOHN ROBERT COLEMAN, M. D.

Dr. John Robert Coleman, of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Henry county, Tennessee, August 22, 1860, a son of Robert Spillsby Coleman, M. D., and Fannie (Williams) Coleman, both natives of Tennessee and both descended from English ancestry. The Colemans originally came from North Carolina, while the Williams family for years resided in Tennessee. Robert Spillsby Coleman received his medical education in the University of Tennessee, at Nashville, and until 1872 was engaged in the practice of medicine in Tennessee. In that year he came to Kentucky and located in Murray, where he remained until 1886, removing thence to Princeton, where he has since continued his residence, all the while giving his time to the active practice of his profession. During the Civil war he was a physician in the Confederate army, under General Forrest.

The son of a physician, John R. Coleman early gave his attention to the study of medicine and adopted his father's profession. He is the oldest of a family of five, three sons and two daughters. In his youth he received a common and high school education in the towns in which they lived, he being twelve years old at the time the family removed to Kentucky and settled in Murray. After studying medicine in his father's office he entered the University of Louisville, where he completed his medical course and graduated with honors, February

28, 1883. From the time of his graduation until 1900 he practiced at Murray, and for the past three years has been in Paducah. Dr. Coleman is a member of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Association, of which he is an ex-president; of the Kentucky State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the West Tennessee Medical and Surgical Association; and the McCracken County Medical Society, of which he is president. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and for a number of years has figured prominently in Masonic circles. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member and president of the board of education of the city of Paducah.

Of Dr. Coleman's home life we record that in 1885 he married Miss Jessie McElrath, of Murray, and they have two daughters, Misses Rella and Fannie.

WALTER W. BLANE.

Walter W. Blane, a prominent farmer and tobacco-raiser in Graves county, Kentucky, is the grandson of John Blane, who was born in Virginia in 1805 and died in 1892, aged eighty-seven. William Edward Blane, the son of the latter, was born in Halifax county, Virginia, in 1834, and was a farmer throughout his life, coming to Graves county, Kentucky, in 1881; he lived to be sixty-three years old and died in 1897. His wife was Bettie E. Ford, who was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, in 1842, and was married in 1858. Patrick Ford, her father, was born in North Carolina in 1818, and died in Tennessee in 1879. Mrs. W. E. Blane is still living at the age of sixty-one. The brothers and sisters of Walter W. Blane are as follows: William, now in the piano and organ business at Mayfield, Kentucky; John, who died

when only eight years old; Lester, a farmer of Carlisle county, Kentucky; Lena, the wife of Edward Conner, a carpenter of Graves county; Gladys, the wife of Dr. Charles Brandon, of Palouse, Washington; and Mollie, the wife of John Turnbowe, a farmer in the state of Washington.

Walter W. Blane was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, in 1860, and was educated in that county. He then engaged in farming, and in 1881 came to Graves county, Kentucky, where he has since been engaged in farming and the raising of tobacco. In 1885 he was married to Miss Mary Belle Lewis, who became the mother of the following children: William L.; James; Ruth, who died in 1895 at the age of three years; Tinie; Ella; and Bettie.

ELIPHALET CASE.

When Eliphalet Case was called to the home beyond one more name was added to the list of honored dead whose earthly record closed with these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," but as long as memory remains to those who knew him the influence of his noble life will remain as a source of encouragement and inspiration. "Our echoes roll from soul to soul," and the good we do lives after us through all ages, handed down from generation to generation. Who, then, can measure the results of a life work, and especially such a life work as that of Eliphalet Case? To his fellow-men his best energies were ever devoted. With unerring judgment he recognized the "spark of divinity" in each individual and endeavored to fan it into a flame of righteousness. Not to condemn but to aid, he made the practice of his life; and the world is better and brighter for his having lived. But

though the voice is stilled in death, the spirit of his worth and work remains as the deep undercurrent of a mighty stream, noiseless, but irresistible.

No history of Carlisle county would be complete without mention of Eliphalet Case. He was born in Warren county, Indiana, on the 5th of June, 1821, and passed the eighty-first mile-stone on life's journey. Hardships, trials and unremitting labor were his lot in boyhood. His father died during the infancy of the son, and when but seven years of age Mr. Case was left an orphan by the death of his mother. From that time forward the period of his life which should have been bright and joyous, free from care and happy with the pleasures of youth, was burdened with responsibility and arduous work. At the age of nine years he was apprenticed to one who proved a cruel and vindictive master. He suffered hardships greater perhaps than have ever been pictured as devolving upon the luckless slave. It is wonderful that he accomplished as much in life as he did, but he had a nature that rose above all the environments of his early youth, sought the things that are best in life and developed into a character whose grandeur has been an inspiration for many. In early boyhood he came to Hickman, Kentucky, and here for a very brief time he was led from the strict path of rectitude by worldly companions, but soon, through the influence of a most estimable lady, he returned to the straight and narrow path in which he continued to walk throughout the remaining days of his life. For more than a half century he was a pillar in the church, and his life a criterion of good citizenship and an example for emulation. In early youth he had learned the tailor's trade and became a journeyman tailor. At the time of his arrival in Hickman in 1842 the place was a struggling hamlet of about three hundred inhabitants. Upon the hillside

grew clusters of oak, poplar and other trees, and the most far-sighted could hardly realize that these would give way to handsome homes and thriving business interests which were to establish a city of importance in southwestern Kentucky. Mr. Case, however, with wonderful foresight, believed that Hickman was destined to become a place of considerable size, and resolved to open a tailoring shop here. This he did, and for nearly forty years conducted business along that line. As the town grew his patronage increased and he always maintained a foremost place as a representative of his line of work. In his business affairs he prospered, and he evidenced his confidence in the city's future by his investments in business, residence and other property. This returned to him an excellent income and proved as well a benefit to the city. He erected three of the stores occupied by leading merchants of Hickman, and his enterprise was a marked factor in the improvement of the town.

From the time of the organization of the Republican party until his death, Mr. Case was one of its most stalwart supporters. He courageously upheld his principles even during the Civil war when the majority of his old friends and neighbors were strong in the advocacy of the Confederate states. Though he never tried to hide his opinions, in fact, announced them on all suitable occasions, he always enjoyed in the highest degree the respect, confidence and continued friendship of those with whom he was associated, and that he was held in the highest regard and that he enjoyed the good will of his fellow-men is shown by the fact that he was retained as a member of the city council and as mayor of the city for a period of eighteen years, and during that entire period he was also postmaster of Hickman. No public trust reposed in him was ever betrayed in the slightest degree. He was ever

loyal to duty and to the right, and he would never compromise his position in the least by a questionable method of practice. His church relationship was maintained with the Baptist denomination, and he was untiring in his efforts to advance its interests. He was also very active in behalf of temperance and was spoken of as a Neal Dow.

At the age of twenty-eight years Mr. Case was united in marriage to Mrs. William B. Holt, who was a widow with three children, and by her second marriage she became the mother of three children, but are all now deceased. Her death occurred February 7, 1895, and on the 19th of September, 1897, Mr. Case was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Isabelle Adams, a widow. She was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, July 23, 1848, and was a daughter of Orville and Mary N. Champion. Her father was a native of South Carolina, while her mother was from Tennessee. He died in 1883 at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Case was the ninth in a family of eighteen children, and has been married three times. In December, 1870, she became the wife of Charles Adams, who died in 1873, leaving two children: Mary Y. and Charlie Lena. Her second husband was Henry Brown, by whom she had one child, Harriett Idella.

Mr. Case was a man of noble character, of kindly and charitable spirit, and his life was one of marked helpfulness. He reared fourteen orphan children, one of whom, Edward Case, is now engaged in business in Hickman. His usefulness was recognized in every honorable walk of life—in business, where he was straightforward; in citizenship, where he carried out his belief that it was every man's duty to support the principles in which he believed lay the welfare of the country; in social life, where he held friendship inviolable; in the church, where

he was true and consistent; in the home, where the obligations of husband and father were very dear and sacred to him.

"He was a man, take him for all in all,
I shall not look upon his like again."

ROBERT M. CHOWNING.

For a number of years Robert M. Chowning has occupied a conspicuous place among the leading business men of this section, and is now serving as cashier of the First National Bank of Fulton. He was born in Owen county, Kentucky, in New Liberty, on the 16th of February, 1864, being a son of Christopher C. and Lizzie (Miller) Chowning, both also natives of that county. His father, who was a carpenter by trade, made his home in Owen county until 1868, in which year he removed to Mayfield, Kentucky, there residing for twenty-five years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Shelbyville, this state, where his life's labors were ended in death in 1893, at the age of eighty-three years. In the family of Christopher Chowning were two children, the daughter being Mrs. J. E. Robbins, of Mayfield, Kentucky.

Robert M. Chowning received his educational training in the schools of Mayfield and Shelbyville, and on reaching his fifteenth year he entered the battle of life for himself. During the intervening period from 1879 until 1888 he was engaged in railroad work, having previously learned the art of telegraphy, and during his connection with the railroad service he rapidly climbed the ladder of promotion. For four years he was the efficient agent of the road at Mayfield, but in 1888 resigned that position to enter the employ of the Graves County Banking and Trust Company, at Mayfield. In 1891 this corporation estab-

lished the First National Bank of Fulton, of which Mr. Chowning was made the cashier, and he has ever since continued to discharge the duties of this important position, having proved himself an invaluable official and one who by his conservative and wise management has promoted the welfare of this financial institution and placed it among the substantial banking houses of the county.

The marriage of Mr. Chowning was celebrated in 1889, when Miss Emma Mayes, of Mayfield, became his wife, and they have become the parents of two children, a son and a daughter. Mr. Chowning gives his political support to the Democracy, while in his fraternal affiliations he is a member of the old and time-honored Masonic order. In all his varied relations of life he is proving himself honorable, sincere and trustworthy, thus winning the esteem and confidence of all with whom he is associated.

WILLIAM J. WHITLOW.

William J. Whitlow, a well known farmer near Sedalia, Graves county, is a native Kentuckian, and enjoys the distinction of having arrived at a comfortable degree of material prosperity through his own efforts and from an inauspicious beginning, when he was poor and had only his hands to help him. He is now only in the vigor and health of middle age, but through his industry and thrift has accumulated means which insure his declining years from any want. He bears the reputation of being an upright and reliable man, kind and provident for his family, and public-spirited and true in his ideals of citizenship.

Mr. Whitlow's family is of Irish descent, being one of the many which settled in South Carolina from the earliest days of colonization, in which state grandfather Jesse Whitlow was born. Alfred M. Whitlow, the father of William J. Whitlow, was born in Allen county, Kentucky, as was also his wife, Rena (Long) Whitlow, who was a daughter of Nicholas Long. Alfred Whitlow has followed the trade of a blacksmith all his life, and he also buys farms. He now makes his home on a fine farm of eighty acres near Sedalia, and is strong and vigorous at the age of seventy-three. He has always voted the Democratic ticket, and is a member of the Missionary Baptist church. His wife died in 1864, having borne her husband six children: Louisa F., William J., George, deceased, Rena, deceased, one that died in infancy, and Rufus, deceased.

Mr. William J. Whitlow was born in Allen county, Kentucky, December 23, 1855. He learned the ins and outs of farming at an early age, and had to make his start in this work without any capital. He has been increasingly successful, so that he is now the owner of a model farm of one hundred and sixty acres, well improved and stocked, not far from the village of Sedalia, and to this he devotes the best efforts of his years.

Mr. Whitlow is a stanch Democrat in politics, and follows the family creed by being a member of the Missionary Baptist church. On December 23, 1883, his birthday, he was married to Miss Maggie Atherton, who was born in Carlisle county, Kentucky, in September, 1864, a daughter of James and Savilla Jane (Goldsmith) Atherton, who are both living in Carlisle county. Mrs. Whitlow was reared and educated in her native county. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow: Donnie Belle, one that died in infancy, Willie

May, Cletus, Rhode and Kirskey. Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow are highly esteemed throughout the neighborhood, and are numbered among the representative people of Graves county.

JAMES R. CURTCHFIELD.

Residing near the town of Wingo and ranking with the representative farmers of Graves county, is found James R. Curtchfield. He is a native son of the Bluegrass state, his birth occurring in Todd county, Kentucky, in 1845. His father, Edward H. Curtchfield, was born in Prince Edward county, Virginia, in 1800, and was a son of William Curtchfield, also a native of that county, but who removed to Todd county in 1803 and there engaged in agricultural pursuits. In William Curtchfield's family were fifteen children who grew to years of maturity. Edward H. Curtchfield was married in 1842 to Jane Landrum, who was born in 1817, and was a daughter of John Landrum, a native of Prince Edward county, Virginia. The latter moved to Christian county, Kentucky, in 1803, where he, too, followed the life of a farmer, and he became the father of ten children who grew to years of maturity. In the family of Edward H. and Jane Curtchfield were four children, namely: John W., who was a saddle and harness-maker in Todd county, and his death occurred in 1886, when seventy years of age; James R.; Mary Jane, the wife of Adolphus Campbell, a carpenter in Indian Territory; and Nancy J., the wife of J. R. Pyler, an undertaker in Christian county, Kentucky.

James R. Curtchfield received an excellent education in Hopkinsville College of Christian county, and after leaving the schoolroom he embarked in the tobacco business in Christian county. The year 1868

witnessed his arrival in Graves county, where he is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent farming land, and as an agriculturist his efforts have been attended with a high and well merited degree of success. After his arrival in Graves county Mr. Curtchfield was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Meenam, their wedding being celebrated in 1869, and the following named children have been born to them: Edward H., an employe of the Illinois Central Railroad Company; Henry L., engaged in the tobacco business at Madisonville, Kentucky; Gertrude, the wife of Boliver Dodson, a farmer and stock-raiser of Hickman county, this state; Amaryllis, who was employed as clerk by D. J. Slaughter at Wingo; Lexie, who is employed in the same capacity at Mayfield, this state; and Willard, a student at Wingo. In his political affiliations Mr. Curtchfield has been a life-long Democrat, and in 1884 he was elected chairman of the Democratic central committee, of which position he is still the incumbent. His career has been an active, useful and honorable one, and his name is found on the roll of the representative citizens of Graves county.

PHILLIP HOWARD.

Phillip Howard, a successful farmer and extensive landowner in both Hickman and Graves counties, Kentucky, resides upon his pleasant and valuable homestead in the former county. He was born in Surry county, North Carolina, in 1819, and is a son of Benjamin Howard, also a native of that state, but who subsequently located in Graves county, Kentucky, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was an excellent business man, and his death occurred in 1835. In his family were seven children who grew to years of maturity. The maternal

grandfather of our subject was Joseph Campbell, who removed from his native state of South Carolina to Graves county, Kentucky, in 1828, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in the year 1840, and he now lies buried in Graves county.

When the time came for him to engage in the active battle of life for himself Phillip Howard secured employment at cutting cord wood in Fulton county, being thus engaged from 1837 until 1838. In the latter year he left his boyhood home and made his way to Arkansas, where he was employed in driving a team for the government, hauling supplies for the Indians, and followed that occupation until 1839, the year in which he came to Graves county. Here he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and here he remained until his children were grown, after which he located in Hickman county, on his present homestead. His fertile and well cultivated farm consists of two hundred and forty acres, and in addition to this he is also the owner of a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Graves county.

In 1841 Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Rachel Campbell, who was born in South Carolina in 1823, and the following children have been born of this union: Joseph B., a farmer of Graves county; Mary Jincie, the wife of J. T. Cunningham, a farmer of Weakley county, Tennessee; J. Kimburn, also a farmer in Graves county; W. C., an agriculturist, physician and merchant in Texas; W. D., engaged in agricultural pursuits in Arkansas; Mrs. L. E. Sheffins, whose husband is a farmer in Arkansas; George W., who follows agricultural pursuits in Hickman county; and Mrs. R. D. Pittman, whose husband is a farmer in Hickman county. In 1901 the wife and mother was called to the home beyond, passing away at the age of seventy-seven

years, and she now lies buried in Graves county, the family burying ground. In his political affiliations Mr. Howard has been a life-long Democrat, and on its ticket his fellow citizens have honored him with many positions of honor and trust. His religious connections are with the Christian church in Hickman county.

JAMES CHESTER DEAN.

James Chester Dean, county judge of Hickman county, was born in White county, Georgia, June 16, 1863, a son of James M. and Celia (Stephens) Dean, both natives of that commonwealth. In early life the father followed merchandising, but as the years passed by turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and is still engaged in that occupation in White county.

James Chester Dean, the youngest of his parents' children, was reared to the life of a farmer boy, and his literary education was received at Emery College of Oxford, Georgia, in which he graduated in 1886. In that year he came to Clinton, Hickman county, Kentucky, and became an instructor in Marvin College, of which in 1891 he was made first joint principal and four years later, in 1895, became president, with full charge of the college, in which important position he continued until 1898. In that year he resigned his position and immediately entered upon the practice of law at Clinton. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1898, although he was prepared to practice the profession when he came to this city, but continued its study while engaged in educational work. In 1901, on the Democratic ticket, he was elected the county judge of Hickman county, assuming the duties of that important office in 1902 and is the present incumbent. Judge Dean

has mounted the ladder of fame by his own unaided efforts, having throughout life battled earnestly and energetically, and is truly a type of the progressive spirit of the age. While a student in Emery College he also taught in the public schools during the summer months, thus earning the means by which to further pursue his studies.

The marriage of Judge Dean was celebrated in 1891, when Miss Rosa Mallary became his wife, she being also a native of Georgia. In his fraternal relations the Judge is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and his religious views connect him with the Methodist church, in which he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

WILLIS R. MOSS.

Among those who have attained distinctive prestige in the practice of medicine at Clinton stands Dr. Moss, who is a man of scholarly attainments and who has made deep and careful research into the science to which he is devoting his life. He is a native son of this city, where his birth occurred on the 31st of October, 1867, his parents being Luther C. and Laura B. (Hales) Moss. The father was born in Greensburg, Green county, Kentucky, January 22, 1829, and his death occurred in Clinton, this state, January 7, 1898. In his young manhood he came to Hickman county, settling on a farm near Columbus, in which city he engaged in the milling business and was operating a mill at the time of his enlistment in the Confederate army, becoming second lieutenant of Company K, Second Kentucky Infantry, serving throughout the entire period of hostilities.

At the close of the Civil war Mr. Moss returned to Hickman county, and in 1866 married and located in Clinton, where he engaged in

a mercantile business with his father-in-law, Thomas Hales. Later he became associated with James L. Moss, a nephew, in the agricultural implement business, under the firm name of L. C. and J. L. Moss, which relationship was maintained for about sixteen years, when Mr. Moss retired on account of failing health. He gave his political support to the Democratic party, and served as postmaster under Cleveland's first administration. His religious views connected him with the Presbyterian church, in which he served as a deacon, and in his fraternal relations he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow still resides in Clinton. In their family were the following children: Willis R., whose name introduces this review; Fred, deceased; Ida M., the wife of C. B. Hillard; Effie, deceased; Luther C., a dentist of Clinton; Nettie D., deceased; Thomas H., also a dentist in Clinton; and Robert B., at home with his mother. Mrs. Moss is a member of the Baptist church. At the death of Luther C. Moss a local paper said of him: "Columns would scarcely contain a fitting tribute to his character. His epitaph is engraved upon the hearts of his neighbors, and no monument could reach higher than his unselfish life. The memory of him will linger long in the hearts of the people who knew him and appreciated his sterling Christian virtues and his great human heart."

Dr. Willis R. Moss was reared in Clinton and received his literary education in Clinton College. He pursued his medical studies in the University of Louisville, in which he graduated in 1893, and since that time he has followed the practice of his profession in this city. He is a member of the Southwestern Kentucky State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Hickman County Medical Society, being president of the last named.

In 1894 Mr. Moss was united in marriage to Miss Adah B. Dunnavent, of Clinton, and they have one child, Mary Lavinia. In his fraternal relations the Doctor is a Master Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, and his religious views connect him with the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN C. YATES, M. D.

John C. Yates was born at Pryorsburg, Graves county, Kentucky, the 16th of November, 1866, a son of John M. and Arena (Prince) Yates. The father was born in Tennessee, as was also his father, Tirah Yates, while the mother was a native of Weakley county, Tennessee, and was a daughter of Joshua Prince, of that commonwealth. Mr. and Mrs. Yates were married in Graves county, Kentucky, where the father still resides and follows agricultural pursuits. The mother was called to the home beyond in November, 1900, passing away at the age of fifty-six years. During the Civil war Mr. Yates served as a Confederate soldier, was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and both he and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

John C. Yates was reared to the life of a farmer boy, and received an academical education. When eighteen years of age he began the study of medicine, under the preceptorship of Dr. John L. Dismukes, of Mayfield, and later became a student in the University of Louisville, in which he was graduated in 1892. For six and a half years thereafter he was engaged in the practice of medicine at Bellerton, Hickman county, and on the expiration of that period located in Fulton, where he has gained an enviable prestige as one of the most able and successful practitioners of medicine in the community. He is a mem-

ber of the Southwest Kentucky Medical Society, and his political support is given to the Democracy, while his religious views connect him with the Methodist church.

On the 24th of December, 1900, Dr. Yates was united in marriage to Stella D. Hornbake, a native daughter of Kentucky.

ROBERT A. HICKS.

Robert A. Hicks, who is numbered among the leading medical practitioners of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Trenton, Tennessee, on the 12th of July, 1869, being a son of Dr. Robert A. and Mary E. (Herbert) Hicks. The father was a native of Jackson, Madison county, Tennessee, where his father was one of the early pioneers, removing there from Virginia, where the ancestors of the family had settled during the early history of the United States. Robert A. Hicks, Sr., was the second in order of birth in a family of nine sons, all of whom were Confederate soldiers, and he was reared and received his literary education in Jackson, Tennessee. Choosing the practice of medicine as his life work, he graduated from the Medical College of Macon, Georgia, also the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati and the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri, at St. Louis. Being thus well equipped to enter the profession of his choice, he located at Trenton, Tennessee, where for more than thirty years his name was a household word in many of the best homes of the community. In 1892, when fifty-seven years of age, his life labors were ended in death, but his wife survived until 1901, when she joined him in the home beyond, passing away at the age of sixty years and in the faith of the Baptist church,

of which she was long a worthy and consistent member. Dr. Hicks gave his political support to the Democratic party. In their family were three children: Mamie, the wife of O. B. C. Freeman, an attorney of Trenton, Tennessee; Robert A.; and Thomas Cecil, a physician of Memphis, Tennessee.

Robert A. Hicks, Jr., spent the period of his boyhood and youth in Trenton, Tennessee, the place of his nativity, and his literary education was received in the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, from which institution he was graduated in 1888, with the degree of A. M. Also choosing the healing art as his occupation through life, he became a student in the medical department of the University of Tennessee, at Nashville, from which he was graduated in March, 1890, and for two years thereafter was engaged in practice with his father. In 1892 he graduated at the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Chicago, the following year being spent as a physician in the Hahnemann Hospital, and for the following three years he was a practitioner at Rome, Georgia. Since 1896 Dr. Hicks has been a member of the profession at Paducah, where his career as a physician and surgeon has been attended with marked success. His promptness, his sympathetic nature and his generosity are his well known characteristics, and those who know him esteem him highly. While a resident of Rome Dr. Hicks served as president of the Tri-State Homeopathic Medical Society and was a member of the state board of medical examiners of Georgia. He now holds membership relations with the Southern Homoepathic Medical Society and the Kentucky State Homeopathic Society, of which he is vice president.

In 1892 Dr. Hicks was united in marriage with Margaret Thomas, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and they have had five children, three of whom

are living, namely: Robert N., Walton N. and Margaret Elizabeth. Both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church, in which he has served as a member of the vestry for three years.

CHARLES KENNEDY WHEELER.

Charles Kennedy Wheeler, ex-congressman and member of the firm of Wheeler, Hughes & Berry, one of the leading law firms of western Kentucky, is one of the state's most honored sons. Besides his honorable public career as a member of the principal law-making body of the republic, he is one of the keenest and most able of the younger lawyers of the state, having begun practice before the legally required age and with a special license from the state. He has been connected with the bar of Paducah for over twenty years, and has had a rapid rise to prominence.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Christian county, Kentucky, April 18, 1863, on his father's farm near Hopkinsville. He is the youngest of a family of twelve children, and was reared on a farm until he was ten years of age, after which he lived in Hopkinsville. He attended the military academy in that city, and is a graduate of the academic department of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tennessee, and of the law department of the Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tennessee. In the summer of 1880 he was licensed by special legislation to practice law in Kentucky, being then the youngest licensed lawyer in the state. He located in Paducah, and from 1886 to 1890 was associated as partner with Judge James Campbell. He has confined his practice to common law and equity cases, and has appeared as counsel in many im-

portant suits. In 1902 he formed a partnership with D. H. Hughes, and the firm of Wheeler and Hughes is one of the strongest in western Kentucky, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Wheeler possesses a keen and analytical mind for solving legal difficulties, and is an orator of ability. He has always continued a diligent student of the law, and his careful preparation of cases has been one of the strong elements of his success. For several years he was corporation counsel for the city of Paducah, serving from 1894 until 1896, when he was called to higher duties.

He has always been interested in public affairs, but the press of business has not allowed him the participation which he would desire. During several years he labored for the success of the Democratic party, and was a member of the Democratic state executive committee, and was the Democratic presidential elector for his congressional district in 1892, casting his vote for Grover Cleveland. Not until the fall of 1896 did he allow his name to be used in connection with an office which would call for much time and attention. In November of that year he was elected a member of Congress, and was re-elected in 1898 and 1900, but declined to become a candidate in 1902. In 1902 he was the unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States senate. He made an excellent record during his terms as a national legislator, and helped push some important measures. During his three terms he was continuously a member of the naval committee, which in late years has been one of the most important of the house committees. With the years of greatest usefulness still before him, Mr. Wheeler has a large share of his personal history and achievement still to write.

In 1888 Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Mary Guthrie, a daughter of John J. Guthrie, a merchant of Paducah. They have three children,

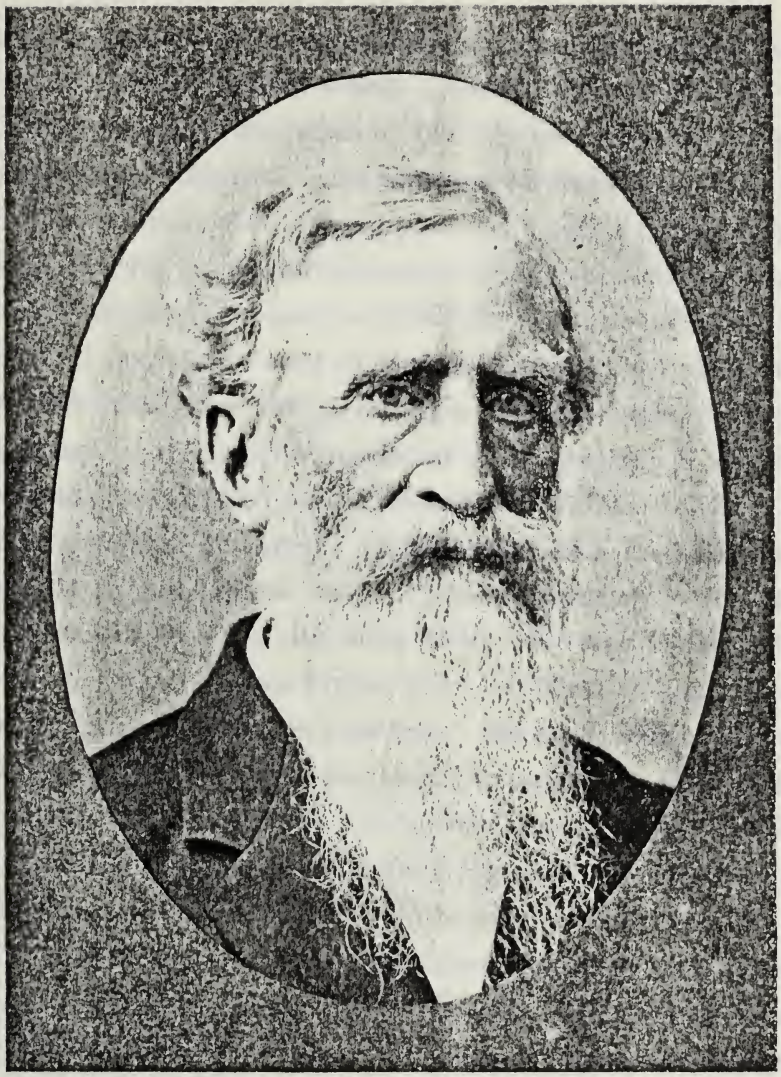
James, Mary and Charlott. Mr. Wheeler is a member of Grace church, Protestant Episcopal, and affiliates with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

HON. CHARLES ANDERSON.

The life history of few men of the nation have touched along so many lines of usefulness as that of Governor Charles Anderson, and yet there have been few men who have sought to figure in as limited extent in the public eye as did he. His service was never promoted by the hope of public reward or honors, but was the outpouring of a kindly spirit, deeply interested in mankind and the highest development of the race. Material improvement, intellectual and aesthetic culture and moral progress all felt the stimulus of his efforts. His nation received his loyal support during the darkest hours of its history, and there stands to-day in Kentucky one of its most beautiful towns as a monument to its founder, Governor Charles Anderson.

Governor Anderson was born at Soldier's Retreat—his father's homestead,—in Jefferson county, Kentucky, on the 1st of June, 1814. This house, erected by his father, stood on land allotted to him by the state of Virginia in recognition of his services as a colonel in the Continental army in the war of the Revolution.

The ancestral history of the family is traced back to Robert Anderson, who was born in Scotland and was of pure Scotch descent. He and his brother David came to America in 1665 and settled in the colony of Virginia at New Kent Court House. His son was Robert Anderson, second, of St. Peter's Parish, and his grandson was Robert, third, who purchased an estate which was known as "Goldmines," and thus he



CHARLES ANDERSON.

came to be called "Robin of Goldmines." He wedded Elizabeth Clough, a maiden of the Virginia colony. Among their children was Richard Clough Anderson, the father of the Governor. He was born at the family home, Goldmines, in Hanover county, January 12, 1750 (O. S.), and was commissioned a captain of the Virginia militia in his early manhood. He served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, rising to the rank of colonel, and for his services was granted by the Virginia house of burgesses a tract of land in Kentucky, where he afterward established his home, calling his estate Soldier's Retreat, a home such as gained for the state her reputation for hospitality. It was here that the noted Revolutionary patriot passed away, October 16, 1826. As surveyor general of the state he established offices in Louisville, and from the year 1783 or 1784 he made his home continuously in this state. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Elizabeth Clark, a sister of General George Rogers Clark and General Lewis Clark. Of this marriage four children were born. The eldest of these was Richard Clough Anderson, Jr., who was elected to congress in 1817, at the same time with Henry Clay. He was our first minister to the United States of Colombia, and died en route from Bogota to Panama to attend the *first Pan-American-Panama Canal Congress in* 1826. For his second wife Colonel Anderson chose Miss Sarah Marshall, an own cousin of his first wife and of Chief Justice Marshall. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom Governor Anderson was the youngest son that reached adult age.

Governor Anderson began his education under the direction of a private tutor, and by the time he was six years of age had made considerable progress in Latin. He was only twelve years of age at the time of his father's death. When a youth of fifteen he became a student

in the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1833, being then nineteen years of age. Desiring to make the practice of law his life work, he was the first of a thousand students who studied law in the office of Judge Pirtle, of Louisville. He also read law in Cincinnati, and then entered upon the practice of his profession in Dayton, Ohio, where he soon afterward entered into partnership with Judge Joseph Crane. Later he removed to Cincinnati, where he formed a partnership with Mr. Rufus King, and in both cities he enjoyed a large and lucrative patronage. He was always a deep thinker, a profound reasoner and logical in argument, and he won success in his chosen calling. His broad mind, keen sensibilities and strong sympathy, however, caused him to give considerable time and attention to the study of various questions relative to the political, social and economic conditions of the country and to its intellectual progress. He was known as one of the early political leaders of Ohio and served in the state senate in 1843-4, leaving the impress of his individuality and patriotic spirit upon the legislation enacted during that period.

There is no one man to whom Ohio owes more for the establishment of her school system upon a firm and progressive basis. When opposition was sharp and bitter, his efforts in its defense were never relaxed, and his energy and eloquence in its behalf were potent efforts for good, producing results that are still enjoyed by the entire school population of the state. This alone would entitle him to distinction and the gratitude of his race, and yet he performed many other works equally commendable and that render him one of the benefactors of mankind. He it was who suggested the establishment of the first home in America for the volunteers of the Civil war, that at Dayton, Ohio, and, as the result of his idea and his labors in this regard, there are now

scattered throughout the country these homes of the brave boys in blue who stood as the defenders of the Union cause.

Governor Anderson was a man of keen insight, with marked recognition of possibilities, and he looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future. He saw what railroad-building would mean to the country, and while in the Ohio senate he became the originator of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, and, after his removal to Kentucky, he was one of the three men most influential in the building of the Elizabethtown & Paducah Railroad, now the Louisville division of the Illinois Central Railroad.

After residing in Cincinnati from 1845 until 1858, Governor Anderson removed to the south. He left Ohio because of ill health, and, ere he said goodby to his fellow citizens, his brethren in the legal fraternity held a banquet in his honor.

Going to San Antonio, Texas, he secured a large body of land near that city and there engaged in the breeding of horses and cattle, in which business he was engaged at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He had watched with interest the progress of events in the south, and never attempted to disguise his love of country or his loyal devotion to the Union cause. In fact, when secession was advocated and encouraged by the people of Texas, he valiantly defended the Union cause and made a number of speeches in defense of his opinions that so incensed southern sentiment that he was arrested and imprisoned. However, from the camp in which he was imprisoned, by reason of some outside aid and the inattention of his guards, he escaped, fled to Mexico, whence his family had preceded him, and thence sailed to New York. Immediately afterward he went to Dayton, Ohio, where he was tendered an appointment as colonel of the Ninety-third Regiment

of Ohio Volunteers. This he accepted, and with his regiment, fully recruited, armed and equipped, left Dayton for Kentucky, August 20, 1862. He was in command of his regiment at Stone River, the first important engagement in which he participated, and on the 21st of February, 1863, he was wounded, his injuries unfitting him for further field service and thus forcing him to resign. He was a man of unflinching courage in the face of danger, and his own bravery inspired his men to deeds of valor. He won the love of his soldiers, whom he never needlessly exposed to danger, but when duty called never failed to lead them into the thickest of the fight. On leaving the army Colonel Anderson rejoined his family in Dayton, and soon afterward, at the solicitation of the Republican party, he accepted the nomination for lieutenant governor of Ohio and was elected in 1863. Upon the death of Governor Brough he succeeded to the office of governor, and filled out the unexpired term with marked capability, safely guiding the ship of state through troubled waters.

After his retirement from office Governor Anderson returned to his native state, becoming a resident of Eddyville in 1866. He purchased a large tract of land near the town and superintended important and extensive agricultural interests. About 1874 he laid out the town of Kuttawa, and in 1877 he took up his abode there.

While in college Governor Anderson had formed the acquaintance of Miss Eliza J. Brown, and in 1835 they were married. They became the parents of six children, of whom three survive, the only surviving son being Colonel Latham Anderson. The daughters are Miss Kitty and Mrs. Belle Skinner, the latter of Waynesville, North Carolina, and the former still living at the family home in Kuttawa. The mother was born in Dayton, Ohio, October 20, 1816, and died in Kuttawa,

November 19, 1901. She was a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Patterson) Brown. Her father was a native of Virginia and went to Kentucky as private secretary to Governor Preston.

In his political affiliations Governor Anderson was first a Whig and afterward a Republican, and in his religious connections he was a Presbyterian. His labors, however, benefited people of all races, nationalities, creeds and beliefs. He was a man of the broadest sympathy and humanitarian principles, and his activity seems to have touched upon almost every department of labor that has benefited mankind. He always continued his efforts in behalf of education, and he became active in prison reform associations. He was also a zealous factor in southern commercial conventions, greatly desiring the business development and material upbuilding of the south, which he loved so well. He was a man of intense artistic temperament, evinced in the love of all forms of art, and, being a passionate lover of nature, the practice of landscape gardening was his favorite pursuit. This was manifest not only in the external decorations of his own home, and he was also instrumental in the founding of park cemeteries and public parks. It may justly be claimed that he was the originator of the park-cemetery idea, for which America bears the palm among all nations, for in 1845 he suggested and outlined the plan for Woodland cemetery, near Dayton, Ohio. He has left a monument to his genius in landscape architecture, of the natural style or school, in the adaptation of his plan of the town of Kuttawa to its naturally lovely surroundings, and in the system of parks, including Cemetery Park, with which he has munificently endowed the town. Living in the midst of ideally beautiful surroundings, Governor Anderson spent the evening of a happy, useful and honorable life, pass-

ing away on the 2d of September, 1895, in the eighty-second year of his age.

"His life was gentle and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

MERRIWETHER A. MASON.

Merriwether A. Mason was born in Christian county, Kentucky, March 1, 1853, and died March 16, 1900. He was a highly respected citizen and belonged to one of the prominent pioneer families of the county.

William B. Mason, his father, was a native of the Old Dominion, and when a small boy left his Virginia home in company with other members of the family and came to Kentucky, where he was reared and where he became a slaveholder and the owner of many broad acres, his estate including thousands of acres. In Todd county, Kentucky, he married Sarah Anderson, a native of this state, and they became the parents of three children, William B., Clinton T. and Merriwether A., all of whom are now deceased, they having passed their lives and died on their father's estate. After the death of his father, Merriwether assumed charge of the farming operations, and conducted the same while he lived. He was politically a Democrat, fraternally a Knight of Honor, and religiously a Baptist, giving liberal support to the church and acting as treasurer of the same.

February 28, 1878, Mr. Mason married Lulu Wills, who survives him and resides at the Mason homestead. Mrs. Mason is a native of Christian county, Kentucky, where she was born in 1859, daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Walkins) Wills, who were among the old

settlers of the county, having come to Kentucky from Virginia. Mr. Wills was a farmer and owned a number of slaves. His family comprised two sons and one daughter, Mrs. Mason. The latter was educated at Hopkinsville College, of which institution she is a graduate. Since her husband's death she has had the supervision of the affairs of the estate and farming operations, owning no less than one thousand five hundred acres. She has two sons and three daughters, namely: Sarah, wife of C. M. Berry; Merriwether; Elizabeth, wife of Harry W. Watts, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and Lottie and Brookman, at home.

JOHN H. TORIAN.

John H. Torian is one of the enterprising and respected residents of Graves county, and has lived on the old farm in this county for nearly half a century. He has overstepped the three score and ten mark by several years, and still retains some of the freshness and vigor of his earlier manhood, when he could have vied with anyone in feats of endurance and hard work. Diligent labor has been the keynote of his entire life, and he has never tried to win surcease from toil as a goal of happiness, for work has been second nature with him, and therein has constituted his happiness. He has lived the life of an intelligent, upright and esteemed citizen, and in whatever relation he has touched society has done his duty and shared in the obligations which fall to all true citizens.

Mr. Torian is a member of an old Virginia family, but his earliest ancestors were Irish. His grandfather, Andrew Torian, was a native of the Old Dominion, and from there went for service in the Revolution-

ary war, so that his descendants are entitled to membership in the order of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Torian's father was also named Andrew, and was born in Halifax county, Virginia, where he made his home until grown, and he then removed to Christian county, Kentucky, and in 1865 came to Graves county, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1883 at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a Democrat, and his religion was that of the Missionary Baptist church. His wife was Bettie (Finch) Torian, also a native of Halifax county, Virginia, and of English descent, and she survived her husband and passed away at the age of eighty-five. The following children were born to them: John H.; James T., also mentioned below; Andrew, deceased; Sarah; Martha, deceased; Bettie, deceased; Catherine; Millie; Nancy, deceased; and Mary.

John H. Torian was born in Halifax county, Virginia, January 8, 1826, but was reared in Christian county, Kentucky. He came to Graves county in 1858 with his brother James, and they purchased two hundred and twenty acres of land and engaged in farming. This tract was the nucleus of the estate which has since been built up by the brothers. It has been a rather unusual characteristic of this family that they have always "hung together" harmoniously and with co-operative effort working out the problem of life, and herein lies the secret of their success. In 1882 Mr. Torian and his brother built a flour and sawmill, and continued its successful operation for sixteen years. Mr. Torian now owns two hundred and thirty acres three miles from Mayfield on the Sedalia road. He has never married, and has always remained with his brothers and sisters on their property, where they have one of the most pleasant homes in the vicinity. Mr. Torian has always given his support to the Democratic candidates, and he and the rest of the

family are all members of the Baptist church. His brother James T., who always worked with him, was born in Halifax county, Virginia, January 22, 1832, and in 1875 married Miss Ellen Grant. He is now deceased.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER BOYD, M. D.

William Alexander Boyd, M. D., one of the successful physicians of Graves county residing at Mayfield, was born on a farm in Halifax county, Virginia, July 7, 1831, and is a son of John and Mary (Puryear) Boyd, both natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather was also a native of Virginia, and the family originated in England. He lived and died in Halifax county, and was a farmer by occupation.

The parents of our subject reared eight children to maturity, seven sons and one daughter, of whom six are now living. Mr. Boyd was five years of age when he was brought by his parents to Graves county, and spent the greater portion of his young days upon the farm. His literary training was received in Mayfield and Clinton, Kentucky, and he was graduated March 1, 1853, from the old Louisville University in medicine. Immediately thereafter he began the practice of his profession at Farmington where he remained six years, and then located upon a farm east of Mayfield and carried on his practice and conducted his farm, meeting with success in both lines. In 1864 he located in Mayfield, and has made that city his home ever since, being now recognized as one of the leaders in his profession in that locality. Dr. Boyd is a member of the West Kentucky Medical and Graves County Medical societies; a member of the Masonic order, with which he has

been connected since 1861. In his religious faith he is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, while his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

In 1857 Dr. Boyd was married to Miss Mary Holifield, a daughter of Little Berry Holifield, a prominent merchant of Mayfield. She was born and reared in Mayfield, and has borne her husband seven daughters and one son, all living. Dr. Boyd and his wife are very well known in the community in which they make their home, and are important factors in the social life of Mayfield.

WALTER W. MORRIS.

The extensive business interests of Fulton place Mr. Morris among the leaders in industrial circles, and he has achieved that success which comes as the result of enterprise and straightforward methods. He was born in Obion county, Tennessee, on the 10th of November, 1856, a son of G. Woodson and Willie F. (Lightner) Morris, both natives of Virginia. The father, who followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation, passed away in death in Obion county in 1879, when sixty-five years of age, and the mother survived until 1896, her death occurring at the age of sixty-three years. They were the parents of four children, of whom but two are now living—our subject and his sister.

Walter W. Morris spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon a farm, his education being received in the common schools of the neighborhood. When twenty years of age he took charge of his father's homestead, having ever since been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He is the owner of eight hundred acres, the most of which is under a fine state of cultivation, and in addition he is also engaged in

the raising of tobacco. Since 1885 Mr. Morris has maintained his residence in Fulton, where he has since been largely connected with banking interests, having served as the first president of the First National Bank of Fulton, continuing in that position for three years, and since that time has served the same institution in the capacity of vice-president.

The marriage of Mr. Morris was celebrated on the 12th of February, 1885, when Miss Florence Martin became his wife, she being a native of Weakley county, Tennessee, and four children were born to brighten and bless their home, but two are now deceased. In his political affiliations Mr. Morris is a Democrat, and was a member of the sixteenth district committee for Tennessee. In South Fulton he has served as an alderman. Religiously he is a member of the Christian church.

WILLIAM F. HOUSMAN.

William F. Housman, deceased, who was one of the prosperous men of Mayfield, Graves county, Kentucky, was a son of David and Eliza E. (Brookshire) Housman, and was born in Graves county, June 9, 1850. His paternal grandfather was John Housman, while his maternal grandfather was Henry Brookshire, and the latter lived to be ninety-six years of age. The parents of our subject had children born to them as follows: John H., deceased; William F.; Francis M.; Sarah C.; Thomas B.; Jesse B.; Charlton P.

William F. Housman was reared and educated in Graves county, and was educated in the public schools of that period. In 1891 he was honored by election to the office of sheriff of Graves county, and filled

that office very satisfactorily for four years, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. His membership in the Missionary Baptist church was a source of great comfort to him, and he died firm in its faith, February 21, 1899, and was tenderly laid to rest on the old homestead. For a number of years he was a successful farmer, and when he died he left his wife and children in good circumstances.

In Graves county, June 9, 1873, he was united in marriage with the estimable Miss Mary J. Sneed, who was born in Robinson county, Tennessee, February 13, 1850, and came to Graves county, Kentucky, in December, 1860. The following children were born of this happy union, namely: Henry H., April 5, 1875; Lena M., February 2, 1877; Fannie, October 10, 1878; Hardee, March 19, 1881; Harry M., January 6, 1885; Vera, March 5, 1887; Ruby, April 9, 1889; Gladys, born December 26, 1892, died March 5, 1899; Lucille, November 18, 1895. The family still reside on the old homestead, near the town of Mayfield, where they have a beautiful home. The memory of the good husband and father is tenderly cherished, while throughout the community in which he lived Mr. Housman is remembered as a good business man, kind neighbor and friend and Christian worker.

THOMAS N. SMITH.

Thomas N. Smith is known as a man of high attainments and practical ability as a lawyer, and as one who has achieved success in his profession. He was born on a farm near Fulton on the 15th of October, 1867, being a son of Robert E. and Mollie (Norman) Smith, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Fulton county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Thomas Smith, was

a Methodist minister and was a presiding elder of a district now comprised in the Memphis conference of the denomination. He died in Graves county, Kentucky, many years ago. In this commonwealth the parents of our subject were married, thereafter taking up their abode on a farm near this city. To them were born two sons, the younger being P. H. Smith, a farmer of Fulton county. The father was called from this earth when our subject was a small boy, and the mother now makes her home with her younger son, having now passed the sixty-fifth milestone on the journey of life. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also her honored husband.

Thomas N. Smith was early inured to the labors of the farm, and to the public schools of Fulton he is indebted for the educational privileges which he received in his youth. When about twenty-two years of age he began the study of law under the preceptorship of the late Judge S. A. D. Steele, of Fulton, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1892, since which time his name has been enrolled as a legal practitioner of Fulton. He is a member of the law firm of Shelbourne, Kane & Smith, of this city, all of whom are men of ability, and the firm is winning success in the field of law. Mr. Smith is an active worker in the ranks of the Democracy, although he has never sought political preferment.

In 1899 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mrs. Sallie E. House, nee Browder. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Roberts Lodge No. 172, F. & A. M., of Fulton; of Jerre Moss Chapter No. 119, R. A. M., of this city; and of Fulton City Council No. 63, R. & S. M. He is a past master of the blue lodge, high priest of the chapter and deputy illustrious master of the council.

JAMES HESTER HAPPY.

James H. Happy, the postmaster of Mayfield, is a native son of this city, where his birth occurred on the 8th of November, 1849, his parents being James B. and Nannie H. (Brame) Happy. The father was born near Lexington, Kentucky, but when eight years of age accompanied his mother and stepfather on their removal to Graves county, Kentucky. His own father, James Happy, is thought to have been an Englishman. In this county James B. grew to mature years and learned the saddler's trade, which he followed in Mayfield for several years and then for a time was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He next embarked in the drug business in Mayfield, being thus engaged during the period of the Civil war. Being a strong Union man, he volunteered in its service, but was rejected on account of ill health, and on the 24th of February, 1864, because of his Union sympathy, he was killed by guerrillas. In an early day he was an old-time Whig, later giving his political support to the Republican party, and both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. He had passed the forty-seventh milestone at the time of his death, and his widow survived him about fifteen years, passing away at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. Happy had been twice married, his first wife being a Miss Baxter, by whom he had a daughter, who died recently. By his second marriage he became the father of four sons and a daughter, namely: James H., whose name introduces this review; Adelia, deceased in early womanhood; Robert D., of Mayfield; John T., a resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and Orlando B., the assistant postmaster at Mayfield.

James Hester Happy was reared and educated in Mayfield, the city

of his nativity. After his father's death his mother took charge of the drug store, and there James spent four years, while for the following six years he was engaged in the dry goods business, and for ten years was a traveling shoe salesman. On the expiration of that period he again entered the dry goods business in Mayfield, thus continuing until 1896, when he sold his store, as he had been appointed warden of the Kentucky state prison at Eddyville, a position he retained until August, 1898. For the third time he entered the dry goods business in Mayfield which he continued until May, 1902, when he entered upon his duties as postmaster of this city.

On the 1st of December, 1887, Mr. Happy was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Kendall, of Savannah, Tennessee, and they have five children—Marion H., Leona B., James B., John Kendall and Samuel Roberts. Mr. Happy is a stanch and active Republican, has served as chairman of the county and district committees, also as a member of the state central committee and as a delegate to two national Republican conventions, in 1880 and in 1896. In the first he was one of the three hundred and six delegates who cast ballots for the nomination of General Grant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Happy are members of the Christian church.

BENJAMIN N. PULLEN.

Benjamin N. Pullen, who combines the occupations of farming and blacksmithing at Farmington, Graves county, has been a resident of this state for forty-five years, in which time he became so thoroughly identified with its life and progress that he is an out and out Kentuckian, as much so as any native of the state. He is a veteran of the

Civil war, and as a farmer and business man has made a reputation for absolute integrity and reliability. He is an artist at his trade, and many of his patrons could not be persuaded to take their work to any other blacksmith, for they have depended upon his skill for years and have always found him satisfactory and obliging.

Mr. Pullen is of Irish descent on the paternal side, and his grandfather, Archibald Pullen, was closely connected with the original stock although he was born in Virginia. William C. and Nancy A. (Hall) Pullen, the parents of Benjamin Pullen, were both born in Tennessee, the former in Davidson county and the latter in Dixon county. They both lived long and useful lives, and resided in Graves county, Kentucky, during the latter part of their lives. William Pullen died in 1892, at the age of eighty-one, and his wife in 1901, aged eighty-five. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: William J.; Mary A.; Elmeta, deceased; Marshall, who was killed in the Civil war; Benjamin N.; George; James D.; Sophia; Josephine; and one that died in infancy.

Benjamin N. Pullen was born in Humphreys county, Tennessee, January 13, 1844, and was educated in the schools of that state and of Kentucky. He came to Graves county, Kentucky, with his parents, at the age of fourteen, and this has been his home ever since. He enlisted in Company B, Second Kentucky Cavalry, being still a boy at the time. He was taken prisoner by the Union forces at the battle of Lookout Mountain, and was held captive at Rock Island, Illinois, for eighteen months. He was then exchanged and paroled for sixty days, but before this time was up the war was over. He returned home and was soon directing the spirit of war to the peaceful trade which he had learned before going to the front. He has had his shop at Farmington

ever since the war, and in addition to this pursuit tends a farm of seventy acres situated near town. He enjoys a fair share of worldly prosperity, and leads a contented life and has a happy home.

He affiliates with the Democratic party, and his religious faith is that of the Primitive Baptist church. In 1866 he married Miss Cornelia L. Williams, who was born and educated in Calloway county, Kentucky. The following children make up their family, and those living have already taken up or are preparing to assume the duties of life: Ernest E., Alice P., Leonard G., Edgar L., William A., deceased, James D., Ethel May, Myrtle, deceased, Benjamin L. and Sallie.

WILL J. WEBB.

A prominent representative of the bar of Graves county is Will J. Webb. He was born on a farm in this county on the 17th of April, 1866, being a son of Joseph G. and Mary J. (Dunbar) Webb, both natives of Tennessee. The father, who was born on the 4th of December, 1825, came to Graves county, Kentucky, in 1848, and for many years was a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The mother was born in March, 1831, and was but three years of age when brought to this county by her parents in 1834. She is a daughter of James Dunbar, a farmer and pioneer of Graves county, where his death occurred in 1878. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Webb were ten children, seven of whom are still living, and the parents still make their home in Graves county, residing one mile north of Mayfield.

Will J. Webb was reared to the life of a farmer boy and his literary education was obtained in the schools of Mayfield. Deciding to become

a member of the legal profession, he entered the law department of the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, and in 1886 was admitted to the bar. For two years, from 1889 to 1891, he served as the city attorney, having been elected to that position on the Democratic ticket, of which he is a stalwart supporter. From the beginning of his career as a legal practitioner his efforts have been attended with success, and so strong are his arguments that his opponents find them difficult to overthrow.

In 1891 Mr. Webb was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Burnett, of Graves county, and their children are as follows: Lottie Simpson, Will J., Jr., Mary Burnett and James T. Mr. Webb is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

THOMAS HOLLOWAY.

Numbered among the representative agriculturists of Graves county is Thomas Holloway, who is a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of the Bluegrass state, for here his maternal grandfather, John Pinckley, was born in Boone county. He was born in Carroll county, Tennessee, on the 28th of May, 1848, and is a son of John C. and Sevilla (Pinckley) Holloway, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Carroll county, Tennessee. On the paternal side he is of Irish descent. The children born to John C. and Sevilla Holloway were as follows: Martha J., deceased; one who died in infancy; Thomas A.; Nancy C., deceased; and another who died in infancy.

Thomas A. Holloway was taken by his parents from Tennessee to Arkansas when two and a half years of age, remaining in the last named commonwealth until he was nine years of age. He then returned to his native state of Tennessee, where he continued to make his home until the outbreak of the Civil war, coming thence to Kentucky. In June, 1863, he enlisted for service in the Federal army, in which he served continuously until February, 1865. He was under General Grant in the west, and participated in the battles of Beaver Dam, Johnsonville and was in the reserve at Nashville. On coming to this state, Mr. Holloway took up his abode in Fulton county, but later removed to Hickman county, and in 1898 located near the village of Sedalia in Graves county. Throughout his entire business career he has followed agricultural pursuits, and he is now the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres, all of which is well improved, and he is recognized as a leader among men in his line in the county. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally is a Mason in good standing. His religious affiliations are with the Christian church.

In 1872 Mr. Holloway was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Milam, who was born in Carroll county, Tennessee, and was there educated. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, namely: Sevilla and Tabitha, both deceased, Ida R., Willie J., one who died in infancy, Sidney C., Lizzie B., Charles E., Ova and Herbert M. Mr. Holloway is highly esteemed by all who know him, and his success has been gained through untiring efforts, good management and strict economy.

JOAB PAYNE.

Joab Payne, a native Kentuckian and one of the best known residents of Graves county, is now a prosperous tobacco-raiser near Mayfield, but, before this position of comfortable material circumstances and esteem among his fellow citizens was attained, there were many degrees and progressive steps accomplished by hard labor, unflagging energy and business ability. Mr. Payne is a good sample of the self-made man. Endowed at the beginning with little education, and no opportunity to obtain one except during spare moments between periods of hard labor from the time he was a boy, he has made his way over and through obstacles, learning by experience and hard knocks, and is to-day one of the most respected and worthy citizens of western Kentucky. He has endured what seems more than the usual lot of man in the way of trials and sufferings and losses, but has persevered to the end and has reason to be content with his present surroundings.

Mr. Payne's father died soon after the birth of his son, and his mother, Mrs. Phoebe (Payne) Payne, a daughter of John and Fannie (Thomason) Payne, natives of Virginia, died January 9, 1903, when seventy-three years of age, and was the mother of two children, Margaret, who married Upton Crooks, and died at the age of forty-four, and Joab.

Joab Payne was born in Christian county, Kentucky, September 25, 1848, and owing to his father's death was early obliged to make a living for himself and mother, whom he, with praiseworthy filial affection and duty, continued to support till her death. At the age of twelve years he was taken by his mother to Trigg county, Kentucky, and the family settled in Graves county in 1876. He began working as

a farm hand, and for four years received but fifteen dollars and board. He was never able to go to school a day in his life, but like many who have been reared under such circumstances, his close observation and native intelligence have supplied him with the needed knowledge so that he has always carried on his business affairs with acumen and ability even without the aid of extensive book learning. He has had to progress gradually, "make haste slowly," as the proverb goes, but has likewise surely arrived at a considerable degree of prosperity, and is at present owner of a good farm of fifty-three acres two miles from Mayfield, on the Columbus road, and he is making a success of his tobacco-raising.

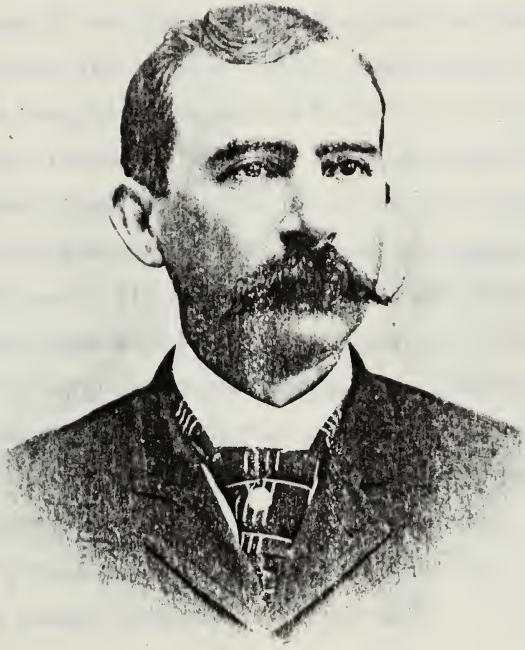
In politics Mr. Payne is a Democrat, and he has been a consistent member of the Baptist church since he was twenty years of age. In 1869 Mr. Payne married Miss Lucy Spencer, who died in 1885, having been the mother of three children: Ella, born October 12, 1870, who married John Clark, a farmer of Graves county; John, born January 7, 1873; and Iva, born November 11, 1881, who married Orvil McClenihan. Mr. Payne afterward married Miss Josie Arnet, of Trigg county, Kentucky, and their two children were Camnia, born October 6, 1892, and Josie, born May 5, 1896. Mrs. Payne died in 1896, and in 1899 Mr. Payne married Mrs. Ella Willis, *nee* Blackburn, who was born in Obion county, Tennessee, and by her marriage to Joseph Willis had three children, as follows: James, born September 19, 1885, and died May 25, 1892; Erie, born December 11, 1889, and died November 11, 1891; and Effie, born October 27, 1887, and married Bruce McClanahan in 1902.

James Blackburn, the father of Mrs. Payne, was born April 25, 1824, in North Carolina, and was killed by a train in June, 1903, being

at that time over seventy-nine years of age. He married Martha Ward, who was also born in North Carolina, February 2, 1826, and she was twelve and he was fourteen when they were brought by their respective parents to Gibson county, Tennessee, where they grew up on neighboring farms and in 1844 were married. They removed to Obion county, Tennessee, whence a number of years later they went to Weakley county, in the same state, and there Martha Blackburn died October 18, 1895, aged seventy years. Their nine children were as follows: Andrew, deceased, Frank, Emma, Preston, James, Robert, Henry, deceased, Ella and Katie. Mr. Blackburn was a Republican, and he was a Presbyterian, while his wife was a Methodist.

MAJOR JOHN GROOM.

Major John Groom, who is engaged in the abstract and real estate business in Princeton, is a well known and highly respected citizen of Caldwell county. This is his native county, his birth having occurred on a farm here on the 7th of October, 1853. He is a son of James B. and Elizabeth (Snelling) Groom. It has long been understood that the founder of the Groom family in America was a Manxman, who, on leaving the Isle of Man, crossed the Atlantic to the new world and settled in Virginia. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Major and Christiana (Bibb) Groom, both of whom were natives of Virginia, whence they came to Kentucky, settling in the south part of Caldwell county about the year 1818. They spent their remaining days there, and Major Groom was active in the development and progress of the locality, contributing in large measure to its upbuilding. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and lived for many years to enjoy



Major J. Groom

the freedom which was purchased at the price of a long and bitter struggle, but which resulted in founding the greatest republic on the face of the globe. The subject of this biography now has in his possession the gun which his grandfather carried in that war. He and his wife were the parents of the following named children that grew to mature years and left families: Patsy, Sallie, John, Benjamin, Richard, William, James B. and Julia, all of whom are now deceased.

James B. Groom, the father of Major John Groom, was born in Virginia, and was brought by his parents to Kentucky when only a few years old. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and on entering upon his business career he continued to engage in farming, making it his life work. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Snelling, a native of Caldwell county, Kentucky, to which section of the state her parents had come in a very early day in its development. Taking his bride to his farm, he thereon reared his family and continued to cultivate his land in order to provide for their needs. He died in the year 1895, when about seventy-nine years of age, his birth having occurred in 1816. His wife passed away in 1862, when about forty years of age. Their union was blessed with nine children, eight of whom are now living.

Major John Groom obtained a fair education in the public schools and was reared under the parental roof amid the refining influences of a good home. He was early trained to habits of industry, enterprise and integrity, and was actively engaged in farming until 1889, when he became deputy sheriff. He then removed to Princeton, where he has since resided, although he has always retained farming interests. He served as deputy sheriff for four years, and was then elected sheriff

on the Democratic ticket in 1892. After filling the position in an acceptable manner for two years he was re-elected, and served altogether as sheriff for five years, proving a most capable officer, fearless and faithful in the performance of his duties. He left the office as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of all concerned. Since his retirement from the office he has been engaged in the abstract and real estate business in Princeton, and has obtained a good clientage in this line. He also has farming interests and derives therefrom a fair income.

An important event in the life of Major Groom occurred in 1893, when was celebrated his marriage to Miss Willie Evans, a native of Logan county, Kentucky. They now have one son, to whom they gave the name of Lorenzo Evans, and who is now eight years of age. The parents hold membership in the Baptist church, and are widely and favorably known in the community which has always been their place of residence. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy and honesty, these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success in life, and they are salient features in the life record of Major Groom.

HON. JAMES H. LEECH.

One of the most successful business men ever connected with the interests of Caldwell county, and one of the most distinguished and honored citizens that has ever resided within its borders, no history of this section of the state would be complete without definite and extended mention of the Hon. James Harvey Leech. He was born in Livingston county, Kentucky, on the 15th of October, 1824, and died

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while serving in the house of representatives of the state legislature, April 3, 1884. His parents were James C. and Malinda (Glenn) Leech. His father was a native of Rockridge county, Virginia, and was of Scotch lineage, while the mother's birth occurred in Lyon county, Kentucky. Her parents were of an old North Carolina family, who became early settlers of the west portion of this state. James C. Leech was a pioneer resident of Livingston county, Kentucky, prominent and influential in public affairs, and for many years he efficiently served as high sheriff of the county. By occupation he was a farmer, and gained an enviable reputation as an honorable business man. He possessed strong force of character, was active in church work, and from an early date in the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian church until his death was one of its faithful, consistent and helpful members. His home in pioneer days was often the scene of church meetings, and was always the place of entertainment for the ministers of the denomination. His death occurred at Smithland, and subsequently his estimable wife followed him to the great beyond, pasing away in the city of Paducah.

Such worthy and esteemed people were the parents of James Harvey Leech, and thus he was reared in a good Christian home, amid refining influences, and was trained not only in religious faith, but also was taught lessons of energy, perseverance and integrity. Although he began life for himself under discouraging financial circumstances, his home training and the innate force of his character and the excellent qualities of his heart and mind made possible the successful career which he entered upon. His first business venture was in steamboating, and this proved a failure, but fate was kinder to him in later life, and his marked ability enabled him to gain a prominent position in financial circles. He was married on the 15th of October, 1850, to

Miss Elizabeth Glenn, who still survives her husband, and is now in her seventy-fifth year, making her home with her only son, James D. Leech. She was born and reared in Caldwell county, Kentucky, and has spent the greater part of her life here.

It was in 1852 that Mr. Leech left his native county and established his home upon a farm in Caldwell county, about six or seven miles from the county seat, there entering upon a prosperous career as an agriculturist. He ever afterward continued to reside upon the homestead farm, and as he prospered his business affairs multiplied, and his excellent management inspired his fellow-citizens with confidence in his ability and worth. They frequently sought his advice and his aid in business affairs, and, recognizing his ability for leadership, also called him to public office. For years he was public administrator for his county and commissioner of the poor, and the excellent manner in which he conducted the vast amount of busines that claimed his attention as administrator of hundreds of estates and as guardian of scores of children is attested by the fact that he was never engaged in litigation in any court for a single matter of business that came to him in this way. He was always prompt, accurate and willing to give an account of the matter which he held in trust, and no one was ever defrauded of a single dollar through any act of his.

In 1881, in accordance with the express desire of his fellow-citizens, he became a candidate for the seat in the lower house of the state legislature, and, winning the nomination of the Democratic party, was elected to that office, where he served so acceptably that in two years he was re-elected without opposition, either in his party or in the Republican party. In accepting this office he merely obeyed the call of his fellow-citizens, who recognized in him a man of worth and one well

qualified to discharge the duties that devolve upon the legislators. In the general assembly his influence, as in other walks of life, was strongly felt, and he left a deep impress upon the laws of the state enacted during that period. All who knew him recognized in him a man of excellent business ability, a citizen of unquestioned loyalty and a friend who was ever faithful. While he was serving his second term in the legislature death claimed him. Many were the marks of respect showed to his memory by his fellow legislators upon the occasion of his death and burial, a large number of both branches of the legislature accompanying his remains to the place of burial in Caldwell county, and fitting resolutions were passed and eulogies of praise to his memory were recorded.

The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Leech was ideal, a most congenial relationship ever existing between husband and wife. They were long members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, with which Mrs. Leech is still identified. Mr. Leech made a profession of religion and joined the Bethlehem Cumberland Presbyterian church in the year 1852. In 1854 he was ordained as a ruling elder, and was elected clerk of the session in 1859. He loved his church and the cause of Christ, and was ever devoted to its welfare and promotion. He possessed a cool and reflective mind rather than an impetuous disposition, and was a man of the strictest integrity and lived an exemplary and upright life. Whether in public or private life, he discharged every duty as became a loyal follower of the church. He was also true to the teachings of the Masonic fraternity. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him, while his influence remains as a blessed benediction to those who were closely associated with him in the active affairs of life.

HON. JAMES D. LEECH.

The name of Leech has long figured conspicuously in connection with business interests and public affairs in Caldwell county, and the career of James D. Leech has added to it new lustre. He was born upon his father's farm in this county, June 27, 1854, and is a son of the late James Harvey Leech. His boyhood days were passed in the Fredonia valley, and he remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years of age, when he made preparations for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Alice Maude Shelby, a native of Lyon county, Kentucky. About that time Mr. Leech purchased a farm adjoining his father's land in Fredonia valley, and resided thereon until September, 1885, when he purchased the old Cumberland College site, just outside the corporation limits of the city of Princeton. Locating thereon, it has since been his home, and his residence and environments are very attractive, constituting one of the beautiful homes of the county and one of the pleasing features of the landscape.

Mr. Leech has largely followed in the business footsteps of his father. He has always owned farm lands and directed farming interests, raising fine stock and producing excellent crops in his fields. Upon the death of his father in 1884 he took up his unfinished tasks and business, and has since carried on the work. Like his father, he has administered numerous estates, and in all his business relations has manifested energy, sagacity and integrity, qualities that have placed him among the men prominent in business affairs in Caldwell county. For five years after the organization of the Citizens' Bank, in 1890, Mr. Leech served as its president. He was then vice president of the First National Bank until the Farmers' Bank was organized, in 1898, when

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he was chosen president of the last named institution, and has since acted in that capacity. His capable control, his keen foresight and his sound business judgment have been important elements in the success of this institution, and have made it one of the leading financial concerns in this part of the state.

In 1891 Mr. Leech was called upon to mourn the loss of the lady whom he wedded in his youth. Her culture, refinement and kindly spirit had endeared her to many friends, and she was beloved by all who knew her. She left two children, Helen L. and James Harvey. The daughter is the wife of F. L. Wilson, of Auburn, Kentucky. In 1892 Mr. Leech was again married, his second union being with Miss Lena Wessen, a native of Mississippi, who has since presided over his household with grace and dignity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leech are well known in social circles, and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

In politics Mr. Leech has ever been a stanch Democrat, and in the year 1887 he was elected to the state legislature, serving for one term with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents, but his business relations have since demanded his entire time and attention, and he has never again consented to become a candidate for office, although always manifesting a deep interest in political measures and public affairs. From his youth he has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and in 1885 he was elected an elder of the Bethlehem organization. To his church and all its work he has ever been a generous contributor, taking a deep interest in all that has pertained to the line of moral development. Socially he is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been a very active and helpful member of the fraternity. The soul of geniality, he has a kind and cheering word for all with whom

he comes in contact, regardless of their position or station in life, and he is to-day one of the most popular and respected citizens of Caldwell county.

MILFORD WINSLOW ROZZELL, M. D.

Milford W. Rozzell was born on a farm one mile from Pryorsburg, Graves county, Kentucky, March 13, 1857, a son of Miles Washington and Melissa (Williams) Rozell. The father was born in North Carolina January 8, 1821, and is one of the oldest residents of Graves county, where he was brought by his parents when twelve years of age. His father, Thomas Rozzell, was numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county and was a farmer by occupation, which pursuit has also claimed the attention of his son, Miles W. The mother of our subject was born in Graves county, and her death occurred here in 1902, when seventy-seven years of age. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, only four of whom grew to mature years and three are now living.

Milford Winslow Rozzell spent the period of his boyhood and youth on a farm, receiving his elementary education in the common schools of the neighborhood, which was later supplemented by attendance at the schools of Mayfield and Milburn. For a brief period thereafter he was engaged in teaching school, and then entered Bethel College, of Tennessee. At Pryorsburg he began the study of medicine, also teaching during a part of the time, and he then entered the University of Louisville, while later, in 1889, he graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, and then took a post-graduate course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College. From that time until 1898 Dr.

Rozzell followed a general practice of medicine at Pryorsburg, after which he took two courses at the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College, at Chicago, locating thereafter at Mayfield, where he has since given special attention to the treatment of those organs. The medical profession in Graves county numbers him among its most valued members, and he is considered an authority in many departments of medical research and practice.

In 1880 Dr. Rozzell was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Pearl Noblin, who died in 1902, after becoming the mother of three children: Mabel C., Albany M. and Noblin. The Doctor is a member of the American Medical Association, the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, of the order of Elks and is a Royal Arch Mason. His religious views connect him with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which he is a worthy and consistent member.

JOSEPHUS EWING ROBBINS.

Josephus Ewing Robbins, ex-judge of the circuit court of the first judicial district, was born in Graves county, Kentucky, August 4, 1854, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth J. (Shelton) Robbins. The former, who was a son of John Robbins, was born in Humphreys county, Tennessee, in 1811, and in 1830 came to Graves county, where he learned the trade of iron moulding and blacksmithing. His death occurred in Calloway county, Kentucky, in 1873, where the greater part of his life had been devoted to agricultural pursuits. In an early day he was a Whig in his political affiliations, but later gave his support to the Democracy. Mr. Robbins was twice married, his second wife being Elizabeth J. Shelton, the mother of our subject, and she, too, had

been previously married. She was born in Warren county, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Jeremiah Shelton, a primitive Baptist minister of Graves county. He was also a native of Warren county, but came to this county in 1820. His death occurred just across the county line in Tennessee in about 1850, and he was a man of sterling worth, both as a minister of the gospel and as a farmer. Mrs. Robbins was but six months old when brought by her parents to this county, and her death occurred in 1900, when eighty years of age.

Josephus Ewing Robbins spent the early years of his life on a farm and also worked in his father's blacksmith shop and clerked in a dry goods store. His early educational training was received in the public schools, and at Benton, New Concord and other places, and when nineteen years of age he began teaching, following that occupation for four terms, in the meantime beginning the study of law. By alternately attending and teaching school, he was thus able to pay his own expenses. In 1876 he began the study of law under the preceptorship of W. M. Smith, of Mayfield, and on the 11th of October, 1877, was admitted to the bar. He entered upon the practice of his chosen profession one year later, and Mayfield has ever since continued to be his home. In 1878 Mr. Robbins was elected to the position of surveyor of Graves county, which position he filled for four years, during which time he also practiced law, and in 1884 was made the city attorney of Mayfield. Two years later, in 1886, he was elected judge of Graves county, his incumbency therein covering four years. In 1895 he was nominated by acclamation by the Democratic party and afterward elected to represent his district in the state legislature, serving in the sessions of 1896-7. In November, 1897, Mr. Robbins was elected judge of the circuit court, first judicial district, but resigned that office on the 1st

of December, 1902, one year before the expiration of his term of service, and is now engaged in the practice of law with Gus Thomas, under the firm name of Robbins & Thomas. In 1891 the Graves County Banking & Trust Company was organized, and Mr. Robbins was elected its first president, which position he held until January 1, 1898, when he resigned to go on the bench.

On the 9th of October, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Robbins and Miss Eva Chowning, she being a native of Owen county, Kentucky, and they have had five children, two of whom are living,—Robert Guy and Josephus Gayle. In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Robbins is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the order of Elks, while his religious views connect him with the Christian church.

EDWARD IRVIN BULLOCK.

Edward Irvin Bullock, deceased, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia. At the age of nineteen years he left his native state and came to Kentucky, locating in Cumberland county, where he married Maria Emmerson, a native of Cumberland county, born near the town of Berksville. Her parents were John M. and Sallie Emmerson, natives of Kentucky.

Edward I. Bullock received his education in William and Mary College, of Virginia, in which he graduated, and after his marriage he located at Berksville, Kentucky. Being a civil engineer, he was elected surveyor of his county, and later was admitted to the bar and began practice. He was later made state's attorney, being appointed by Governor Clark, and was serving in that office at the time of the celebrated murder case of the State vs. Judge Wilkerson, Mrs. Wilkerson and

Murdough for the murder of John Rothwell and Alexander H. Meeks, in March, 1839, one of the most celebrated cases in Kentucky jurisprudence, and the full history of which may be found in "Carlton on Homicide." Subsequently Mr. Bullock removed to what is now Hickman, Kentucky, and was the first county attorney of Fulton county, also representing that county in the legislature. His next location was at Clinton, to which place he removed in 1854, and from there removed in 1857 to his country home two and a half miles east of Columbus, where he remained until his death, February 13, 1883. He continued in the practice of law until his death, served as circuit judge by appointment and was one of the codifiers of the general statute of Kentucky in the year 1873, which was adopted by the general assembly. In his political affiliations he was first a Whig and later a Democrat, in his fraternal relations was a Master Mason and was a member of the Episcopal church. He was an able attorney, advocate and jurist and was a splendid trial lawyer.

Five of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bullock died in infancy, and the remainder are: John, who died in 1857 and was an able lawyer of Hickman; Harriet, the widow of R. W. Walker; Hettie, a widow now living at Arlington, Kentucky; Edward Thomas; Pinkie, the widow of John G. Samuels and a resident of Clinton; and Mary, widow of C. T. Rudd, of Stocksville, Mississippi. Mrs. Bullock died in 1880, aged about sixty-five years.

Edward Thomas Bullock was born in Hickman, Kentucky, September 13, 1847, and studied law under L. D. Husbands, of Paducah. He was admitted to the bar in 1870, and for the following five years practiced at Paducah, since which time he has followed his profession in Hickman county. His political support is given to the Democratic party,

and religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1872 Mr. Bullock was united in marriage to Miss Bettie Pettit, of Princeton, Kentucky, and she bore him one son, E. T., Jr., a steamboat engineer. Mrs. Bullock died in 1875, and he was afterward married to Mrs. Della Reid, *nee* Cobb, by whom he has one child, Della.

BEAUREGARD R. MERRITT, M. D.

Beauregard R. Merritt, M. D., a prominent citizen and physician of Fancy Farm, Graves county, Kentucky, was born in this county April 24, 1870, and is a son of Daniel R. and Sophia C. Briggs Merritt. His father was born in Todd county, Kentucky, while his mother was born in Graves county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was Daniel Merritt, and the maternal grandfather was James Briggs. Dr. Merritt knows very little of his ancestral history. His father has made his home in Graves county for the past forty years, and is now president of the Bank of Exchange at Mayfield and is a strong Democrat in politics. For many years he was a consistent member of the Christian church and holds steadfastly to that faith now. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Confederate army, about 1862, as a private, and was soon promoted to the position of sergeant, which he held until the close of the war. His wife is also living, and is fifty-three years of age. Eight children were born to them, namely: Beauregard R.; James, deceased; Nannie, deceased; Ellen M.; Arlando M.; William E., who is also a physician and in partnership with our subject; Butler, deceased; Ivan.

Dr. Merritt was reared and educated in Graves county, and then went to West Kentucky College; later to the Northern Indiana Normal

School, from which he was graduated. He then attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis. His next instruction was received in the Marion Sims College of Medicine at St. Louis, from which he was also graduated. He still later attended the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky. Returning home he soon became one of the leading physicians of Graves county, and is now enjoying a large practice. He is a Democrat in politics.

On October 16, 1893, he was married to Miss Mary J. Willett, now deceased. In 1896 he married Edna E. Spalding, who was born October 26, 1879. One child has been born to them, Mary C., on March 13, 1902. Dr. and Mrs. Merritt are very highly esteemed throughout the county, and are important factors in the social life of the city.

S. M. COOPER, M. D.

Dr. S. M. Cooper, a practicing physician of Fredonia, Kentucky, was born in Livingston county, Kentucky, November 17, 1848, a son of Andrew and a grandson of Robert Sleeper. The last named was born in South Carolina, where he was also reared, and by occupation was a farmer and also a jeweler or goldsmith. In his native state he was married to a Miss Neal, and they became the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters—Thomas, Andrew, Eliza, Mrs. Johnson, Robert, Katherine and John, all of whom with the exception of the two eldest were born and reared in Kentucky and all are now deceased.

Andrew Cooper was born near Charleston, South Carolina, and was but four years of age when he came with his father to Livingston county, Kentucky, where he was reared and educated. Remaining at

home until reaching mature years, he then purchased and located upon a farm of four hundred acres, which he cleared and improved, and there remained until his death, which occurred in 1864. Before removing to this farm he had married Elizabeth Gibben, a native of Hopkins county, Kentucky, born in 1803, and there she was also reared. Unto this union were born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, namely: Marcus L., Thomas A., Sarah J., Eli G., Eliza, John, Robert, Katherine, Martha, Andrew, Emily and S. M., all of whom were born and reared in Livingston county, but only two are now living, Eli G. and S. M. The father was a Whig in his political affiliations, being an active worker in the party ranks, and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

S. M. Cooper was about eighteen years of age when he left home and went to school. His father had died when he was sixteen years old, and thereafter he worked during the summer months and attended school in the winters, having made his own way in the world from his sixteenth year. Completing the grammar school at the age of twenty years, he then worked for others during the following three years, after which he went to Ohio and for a similar period was a student in the Miami Medical College, graduating therein in 1873. Returning thence to Livingston county, Dr. Cooper was engaged in the practice of his profession for one year, and for the following thirteen years was a resident of Dalton, where he built up a large and lucrative practice. In 1886 he located in Fredonia, where he has ever since made his home and his practice extends over a radius of many miles.

In 1874, in Livingston county, Dr. Cooper was united in marriage to Millie Dooley, who was born and reared in that county and is a daughter of T. R. Dooley, a prominent early settler of Livingston.

Unto this union have been born five children—E. Claude, Henry T., Frank H., Ada L. and Walter A., all of whom were born in Hopkins county, Kentucky. Dr. Cooper is a Democrat in his political affiliations, fraternally is a Mason and is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

BENJAMIN B. BURCH.

Benjamin B. Burch, one of the prosperous and enterprising residents of Graves county, was born in Daviess county, Kentucky, February 21, 1875. He is a son of Charles M. and Rosa M. (Blincoe) Burch, born in Nelson and Daviess counties, Kentucky, respectively. The paternal grandfather was Samuel Burch, while the maternal grandfather was Benjamin B. Blincoe, and they were all of Scotch-Irish descent.

Charles M. Burch is a farmer of Graves county. His political opinions make him a Democrat, while in religion he is a Catholic. During the war between the north and the south he enlisted in the Confederate army in the early part of 1864 and served until the close of the war. He and his wife are both living and are highly respected residents of Graves county. Twelve children were born to them, namely: Mary R.; Benjamin B.; Mabel H., deceased; Julia; Maggie W.; Susan E.; Charles R.; Henry W.; Francis C., deceased; Robert; William; and Herman.

Benjamin Burch was reared upon his father's farm and educated in Graves county, and at the high school of Union county. His first business venture was in conducting a general merchandise business at Fancy Farm, and he met with fair success. His beginnings were with small capital, but he now owns and operates a fine drug store in the

little village. He is a good Democrat and a member of the Catholic church.

January 17, 1899, he was married to Miss Bessie Willett, who was born in Graves county, July 7, 1877. Two children have been born to them, namely: Austin, born March 23, 1900; and Joseph N., born September 21, 1902.

THOMAS F. CURTSINGER.

Thomas F. Curtsinger, who was one of the very prosperous and representative men of Graves county, was born in Washington county, Kentucky, March 12, 1816. He was reared and educated in his native county and became a farmer. Being a quiet, retiring man, he had no eventful history, but simply did his duty as he saw it, brought up his children and was a consistent member of the Catholic church. While holding no office, he early espoused the principles of Democracy.

In Washington county, Kentucky, he was married to Miss Sarah Toon, and three children were born to them, namely: Robert, Mary Ann and John. After the death of his first wife Mr. Curtsinger married, in Graves county, Elizabeth Reily, and nine children came to bless their home, namely: James T., Julia A., Victor, Martha J., Elisha F., Melvina, Allen G., Philip W., Laura E. His second wife passed away and he was married to Elizabeth (Willett) Hayden, a widow with two children, namely, Eugenia and Ada V. Mr. and Mrs. Curtsinger had four children, namely: James T., born November 9, 1867, and died July 10, 1886; Samuel L., born October 7, 1870; Mary G., born July 12, 1873; and Laura B., born February 3, 1876.

The death of Mr. Curtsinger occurred February 21, 1903. He left

a widow and large family to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father, while his death is felt in the neighborhood by those who understood and appreciated his many virtues. When his estate was examined it was discovered that he had left ten thousand acres to be divided among his heirs as a result of patient, uncomplaining labor throughout a blameless life.

RICHARD T. LIGON.

Richard T. Ligon, one of the successful young business men of Mayfield, Graves county, Kentucky, was born in this county on the 9th of January, 1873, a son of Thomas and Ellen (Bolinger) Ligon. Thomas Ligon was born in Sumner county, Tennessee, at Harts' Ferry, near Hartsville, on the 20th of March, 1827. His parents were Thomas and Rebecca (Puryear) Ligon, both born in North Carolina, near the Virginia state line. There they were married, later taking up their abode in middle Tennessee, and in February, 1839, came to Graves county, Kentucky, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1856 and the mother in 1868, both passing away at the age of seventy-seven years. They had nine children, of whom Thomas was the youngest in order of birth and is now the only one living. He was only twelve years of age when brought by his parents to Graves county, in which he has since made his home and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with fair success. He has always affiliated with the Democracy, and for years has been a member of the Masonic order. On the 22d of December, 1856, Mr. Ligon was united in marriage to Ellen A. Bolinger, born in Lebanon, Virginia, March 27, 1835, a daughter of George and Lucinda (Wingo) Bolinger,

the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. These parents came to Graves county, Kentucky, in September, 1839, when Mrs. Thomas Ligon was not yet four years of age, and here her parents spent the remainder of their days. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ligon have been born the following children: Mary Catherine (deceased), Nancy J., George W., Lucinda Rebecca, John Graham, Richard T. and Edward B.

Richard T. Ligon was reared in Graves county and gained his education in the schools of his neighborhood. He is now living on and owns the old homestead where his birth occurred. His first business venture was farming, and in this he succeeded so well that he continued agriculture as a vocation. The old homestead consists of one hundred and eighty-eight acres, all well improved land, and the greater portion of the tract is under cultivation. In political matters Mr. Ligon affiliates with the Democratic party, but has never aspired to office. As yet he is unmarried, and is one of the popular factors in the social life of his community, where he has gained many friends and is justly regarded as a leading representative of the enterprising young agriculturists of to-day.

MORTIMER J. L. BURCHARD.

Mortimer James Lucian Burchard, deceased, was for many years one of the leading physicians of Princeton, Kentucky. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1820, and his death occurred in Princeton, Kentucky, February 5, 1899. His father was also a native of Pennsylvania, where he lived and died, and was a farmer by occupation.

Mortimer J. L. Burchard was reared by his grandparents in Pennsylvania, receiving his elementary education in the common schools of that state and was a graduate of the medical department of the Cambridge (Massachusetts) University. He studied the allopathic system, but afterward became learned in homeopathy and introduced the latter system in Princeton. He was first engaged in the drug business in Hamilton, Ohio, where he remained until 1861, and in that year enlisted for service in the Civil war in the Confederate army, serving throughout the entire struggle as a surgeon, and at its close located in Birmingham, Kentucky, where he continued to practice the homeopathic school of medicine with great success. Finally, however, at the urgent request of friends, he came to Princeton, and here he continued in the active practice of his chosen profession until his life's labors were ended in death.

Dr. Burchard was first married to Hettie Boyd, a native of Iowa, who died shortly after her marriage, having become the mother of one child, James B. In 1890 the Doctor was united in marriage, in Caldwell county, Kentucky, to Mrs. Pauline Watkins, the widow of E. P. Watkins, who was born and reared in North Carolina but came to this state in an early day. He became prominent in the public life of this section, and served as circuit clerk of Caldwell county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watkins,—Lucy and Webb, both born and reared in Caldwell county. Mr. Watkins died in this county in 1865. Mrs. Burchard is the daughter of Isaac and Catherine Gray, early pioneers of this section of the state, and the father was engaged in the stave business during the greater part of his life. His death occurred in Caldwell county. Dr. Burchard was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and fraternally was a member of the Masonic order, the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His religious views connected him with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which he was a worthy member, and he was numbered among the leading and honored citizens of Princeton.

EDWIN D. BUTLER.

Edwin D. Butler, who is engaged in farming and gardening at Cecil, McCracken county, Kentucky, is a native of Tennessee, and dates his birth in the year 1849. His father was a native of Simpson county, Kentucky, and his mother of Tennessee, their names being John E. and Harriet (Hart) Butler. They were married in 1845, their lives were happily blended together for more than half a century, and they reared a large and respected family. He died in 1901, at the age of seventy-four years, and was buried in Golconda, Illinois; his widow is still living at Golconda. Of their family, we record that James Butler, a well known timber man, who operated in the south, died in Arkansas, in the year 1895, at the age of forty-one years; Henry Butler, also well known as a timber man, who did business in Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas, died in 1891, in McCracken county, Kentucky; John Butler, of Alabama, is engaged in the same business; Harriet, wife of Henry Baker, of Golconda, Illinois, died in 1894, at the age of forty-two years; Sarah is the wife of Charlie Wormstead, of McCracken county, Kentucky; Mary, wife of John Baker, of Golconda, Illinois, died in 1895, at the age of thirty-four years; Nancie Butler died in 1897, at the age of twenty-three years; Lula, wife of James King, of Golconda, Illinois, died in 1892, at the age of thirty-eight years.

Edwin D. Butler was quite young when his parents moved with

their family from Tennessee to Illinois and located at Golconda, where he was reared and educated. Leaving school in 1870, he secured employment as cook on a steamboat running from Pittsburg to Morgan City, Louisiana, and also visiting points on rivers tributary to the Ohio and Mississippi. In this way he was occupied for a period of eighteen years. In 1890 he came to McCracken county, Kentucky, and turned his attention to farming and gardening, and his thirteen years here have been attended with success.

In 1885 Mr. Butler married Miss Martha Gorry, of Golconda, Illinois, and the children of this union are Douglas, George, Gus, Fred, Sidney, Harriet and Hester.

JOHN M. NICHOLS.

John Mahlon Nichols is a prominent practicing attorney of Carlisle county, living in Bardwell. He has made his home here for eleven years, and he now occupies a prominent position as a representative of the legal fraternity. In this calling, where success is won through individual merit and where wealth and influence avail little or naught, he has steadily advanced, his success being due to his comprehensive understanding of the principles of jurisprudence, his careful preparation of cases and his clear presentation of his case before court or jury.

Mr. Nichols was born upon a farm in Caldwell county, Kentucky, on Christmas day of 1846, and is a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Wadlington) Nichols. His father was born in North Carolina and when a young man came to Kentucky. Here he was married, and took up

his abode in Caldwell county, where he lived for several years, removing thence in 1849 to Missouri. After a few months spent in that state, however, he returned to Kentucky, and took up his abode in what was then Ballard county, in the town of Milburn. There he resided for about four years. On the expiration of that period he removed to a farm about eight miles south of Paducah in McCracken county, Kentucky, continuing the cultivation of his land for a number of years, until the death of his wife. He then took up his abode in Ballard county, living with a married daughter until his own demise, which occurred about 1880, when he was eighty years of age. Throughout his business career he had carried on general farming, and in all his business life so capably managed his affairs as to win prosperity, and was ever reliable, upright and energetic. His political support was given to the Democracy, and both he and his wife were devoted members of the Missionary Baptist church, doing all in their power to promote the growth and insure the success of that religious organization. To this worthy couple were born the following children: William Presley, who was a public official in McCracken county and died when about sixty years of age; Robartus, who was killed while fighting for the southland in the Confederate army; Caroline, who died in early womanhood; Sallie, who is the wife of J. O. Harkless, of Ballard county, at whose home her father died; James W., who is engaged in farming in Ballard county; Mary, or Mollie, as she was usually called, who died in early womanhood; Andrew, who died when about forty-seven years of age in Texas, where he was engaged in merchandising; and John Mahlon.

In taking up the personal history of John M. Nichols we present to our readers the record of one of the most prominent and influential

citizens of Carlisle county. Upon the home farm he was reared and in the district schools of the neighborhood acquired his literary education. Determining to make the practice of law his life work, he began the preparation for the bar when about twenty years of age in the office and under the direction of Z. W. Bugg, at Blandville, and in January, 1870, he was admitted to the bar. He began practice in Blandville and later was located at Wickliffe, while since March, 1892, he has resided in Bardwell, and has here followed his chosen profession with success. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than is that of the law, and in no field of endeavor is there demand for more careful preparation, for more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of the law or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application and intuitive wisdom, together with the determination to ever utilize the means at hand, are the concomitants which insure success and prestige in this great profession. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Mr. Nichols has advanced to a prominent place at the Carlisle county bar, and this is indicated by the large and representative clientage which is now his.

In 1871 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Nichols and Miss Joseph Foree, who was born and reared in Ballard county, Kentucky. To them have been born seven children: Jesse F., the eldest, was born in Blandville, Ballard county, November 16, 1872, pursued his preliminary education there and afterward attended the Kentucky University; he studied law under the direction of his father, was admitted to the bar in 1893 and is now associated with his father in practice; in 1899 he married Miss Cora Washburn. Nora, the second member of the family, is now the wife of V. J. Law. Willie died at the age of three years.

Agnes is the wife of Bert Weis. Andrew, Sallie and Joseph, the last one being named for her mother, are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Nichols gives his political support to the Democracy, and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day he has never been an active politician in the sense of office-seeking. However, his fellow townsmen chose him to represent the district composed of Ballard and Carlisle counties in the state legislature. He was elected in 1887 and proved a capable member of the house, but outside of this he has held no political offices, preferring to devote his time and attention to his chosen profession. He has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed. He has excellent powers of concentration and application, and his retentive mind has often excited the surprise of his professional colleagues. As an orator he stands high, especially in the discussion of legal matters before the court, where his comprehensive knowledge of the law is manifest, and his application of legal principles demonstrates the wide range of his professional requirements.

WILLIAM N. JEFFREY.

William N. Jeffrey, one of the representative men of Graves county, was born in Marshall county, Kentucky, and is a son of John P. and Mary E. (Jeffry) Jeffrey, natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was William Jeffrey, born in North Carolina, of Irish descent. The maternal grandfather, William T. Jeffry, was born in Calloway county, Kentucky, and was a soldier in the Confederate army.

John P. Jeffrey was a farmer and moved to Graves county, Kentucky, February 22, 1880, and made it his home the remainder of his

life. He never held office, but he enlisted in the Confederate army in 1862, and served as a private until the close of the war. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a Presbyterian. His death occurred October 29, 1894. His wife is still living. She was born March 20, 1853. Three children were born to these parents, namely: William N., Ida J., and Emmet Lee.

William N. Jeffrey was reared and educated in Graves county. He has been a farmer, dairyman and stock dealer all his life, and has been extremely successful, now owning a fine farm one mile north of Mayfield. In politics he is a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church.

On April 3, 1898, he was married in Graves county to Fannie Housman, born in Graves county, October 10, 1878, and to them two children have been born, namely: William R., born August 5, 1899; and Imogene, born August 5, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey are numbered among the successful, agreeable farmers of Graves county, and their home is a pleasant gathering place for their many friends.

SIMEON NORVEL LEONARD.

Simeon Norvel Leonard, deceased, was born in Lydna, Gloucestershire, England, in the year 1801. He obtained a liberal education, both literary and scientific. In his youth he entered the English navy and served for a period of three years, rising to the rank of commanding lieutenant. He was an ardent student and lover of the sciences, and, his father being an iron manufacturer, he turned his attention to this line of industry. He also had a paternal uncle who was an iron manufacturer and the founder of the town of Leonardville, South Wales,

where he became very prominent in connection with the iron industry, dying a millionaire. The business pursuits of his father and uncle, together with his own scientific and industrial bent of mind, led Simeon N. Leonard into the field of the iron industry.

Two of his brothers, Reuben and Samuel, had left their native land to seek their fortunes in America, and in 1825 he followed them to this country. His brother, Reuben, had located at Bear Creek, Pennsylvania, and, having purchased farm lands, was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He became a large landowner and a very successful farmer. The other brother, Samuel, had turned his attention to the iron industry, and when Simeon N. Leonard came to the United States he soon afterward constructed and placed in operation a rolling mill for his brother Samuel at Pipetown, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. This enterprise was known as the Pipetown Rolling Mills, and was the first rolling mill operated west of the Allegheny mountains.

Subsequently Mr. Leonard, discontinuing his efforts in the interest of his brother, built for himself and others a rolling mill at Covington, Kentucky, but this did not prove a profitable venture, and he later went to Nashville, Tennessee, where for other parties he built another rolling mill, which was under his management for several years, and which he subsequently, in 1842, removed to a point on the Cumberland river about ten miles above Eddyville. He continued to manage and superintend the mill for its owners until his death, which occurred in 1854. The mill proved a financial success, and in it was manufactured the famous Hillman boiler iron, a superior of which had not been known, and which was a source of enormous wealth to its producers. The mill was operated at this point on the Cumberland river for years, and after

passing to other ownership was removed to the city of Louisville, where railroad facilities for shipping might be secured.

It has been observed that Mr. Leonard was of a scientific turn of mind, and he always continued his scientific researches, investigations and experiments. While operating the rolling mill on the banks of the Cumberland he experimented much in the manufacture of iron. Steel was then manufactured by a process that rendered it too expensive for use other than for edged tools. Mr. Leonard, however, discovered a process of manufacturing steel which is identical with the process known as the Bessemer. Having demonstrated to his own satisfaction that his process was practical and that it would revolutionize the iron industry throughout the world, and, being anxious to accomplish the good which he knew would follow the use of his discovery, he did not withhold from others the results of his investigations. If patenting his process occurred to him, he was too unselfish to have secured letters patent. In his youth he and Henry Bessemer were schoolmates and friends in his native land, and to Mr. Bessemer he wrote a detailed account of his discovery and accompanied his letter with drafts and plans which gave to Mr. Bessemer such information as to enable him to give the process a practical test. Having demonstrated the excellence of the process, Mr. Bessemer at once took out letters patent in Great Britain and filed a caveat in the United States, thereby not only depriving Mr. Leonard of securing a patent, if he so desired, but also depriving him of the honor of being the originator of the process which has given to the world the now famous Bessemer steel.

To Mr. Kelly, of Eddyville, Kentucky, also an iron manufacturer, Mr. Leonard also communicated detailed information about his discovery, and Mr. Kelly at once made effort to secure a patent of the process,

but found that Mr. Bessemer was in advance of him. To the genius of Mr. Leonard, however, was rightfully due the credit of discovering the process for manufacturing a steel that has revolutionized the iron industry. It is apparent that to accomplish this was his sole ambition. He died not long after making his discovery, not living even to enjoy witnessing the great results which followed his work.

At Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Leonard had married Miss Frances Knott, a native of North Carolina and a descendant of Huguenot stock. She survived him about nine years, her death occurring in 1863. He had five children by that marriage and three children by a former marriage.

SIMEON NORVEL LEONARD, JR.

Simeon Norvel Leonard, a son of Simeon N. and Frances (Knott) Leonard, was born in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, August 4, 1843. He was reared there, and in the schools of that city and in Columbia, Tennessee, acquired a good education. He studied both medicine and law, but with no definite purpose of following either profession. In his early manhood he possessed a liking for literary work, and when an opportunity offered he entered the field of journalism. Eventually he became editor of the *Herald,* published at Paducah, Kentucky, a leading Democratic paper of this state. He rose to high rank as an editor, and but for failing health would undoubtedly have gained prominence in journalism.

In February, 1871, Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Ida Cresap Braswell, of Eddyville, Kentucky, and on account of ill health he gave up newspaper work the following fall and established his residence

in the town of Eddyville, where he has since resided. Finally he fully recovered his health and became associated in business affairs with his father-in-law, the late N. T. Braswell, with whom he was connected until the latter's death.

Mrs. Leonard died in 1889, leaving five children. In 1892 Mr. Leonard was married to Grace I. Long, a daughter of William H. Long, a retired merchant of Eddyville.

In 1894 Mr. Leonard organized the Farmers' Bank of Eddyville, and has since been its president. He has also been the first vice-president of the Kentucky Bankers' Association, and the Kentucky vice-president of the American Bankers' Association, while for three years he has been a member of the executive committee of the Kentucky Bankers' Association. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Leonard is the president of the Suwanee Spoke and Lumber Company, of Kuttawa, Kentucky; is the senior member of the Leonard & James Manufacturing Company, of Evansville, Indiana; the president of the Cumberland Towing Company, and is a large owner of farm and mineral lands in this state. He is much interested in the development of the resources of Lyon county and western Kentucky, and his labors have been of great public benefit.

For more than thirty years Mr. Leonard has been actively identified with the Democratic party, but has never sought political preferment. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been active in the fraternity and loyal to its teachings. In business affairs he is widely known, and his contemporaries recognize in him one of Kentucky's most sapient and successful business men.

NICHOLAS T. BRASWELL.

Nicholas Tilford Braswell, deceased, was a native of Smith county, Tennessee, born in 1822, and died in Eddyville, Kentucky, in 1893. He came to this place about 1844, and for nearly a half century was conspicuous among men of affairs in western Kentucky. When he arrived in Eddyville he engaged in the manufacture of furniture, and later became a general trader and trafficker, while subsequently he was owner of a wharfboat at Eddyville and proprietor of the old Braswell Hotel which still stands in Eddyville, on the bank of the Cumberland, one of the old landmarks of the town. He entered into general merchandising, and for many years did a flourishing business, accumulating a large estate and establishing a high mercantile credit and rating, being known for many years as "the merchant prince of western Kentucky." His sagacity in business affairs was remarkable, his judgment sound and his integrity above question.

Mr. Braswell married Miss Annapola Cresap, a lady of superior accomplishments, who was indeed a worthy helpmate and companion to him. In Mr. Braswell his fellow townsmen imposed implicit confidence. His life was a career of usefulness, and he will long be held in affectionate remembrance by those who knew him. With limited means he began his business career, yet he applied himself diligently to his work, and his energy and enterprise were unsurpassed, while his generosity, his integrity and prudence, winning him success in life, should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT.

William H. Elliott, one of the prosperous residents of Graves county, Kentucky, was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, December 13, 1856, a son of William A. and Lucinda C. (Ingraham) Elliott, natives of Washington county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was James Elliott, while the maternal grandfather was William Ingraham, and all were of Irish descent.

William A. Elliott was a farmer and lived in Hickman county, being a strong Democrat, and a consistent member of the Catholic church, dying firm in that faith August 11, 1871. His wife is living at the age of seventy-five years, in excellent health. Seven children were born to them, namely: Nancy J., William H., Adolph L., James, Laura B., Lucinda F. and Nannie F.

William H. Elliott, better known as Bud Elliott, was reared in Graves county, and attended the public schools of that locality. He began his battle with life as a farmer, and has been so successful that he has made it and stock trading his occupation. At present he owns two hundred and twenty-four acres of fine land under an excellent state of cultivation and is a breeder of high-grade stock. He has one of the best horses in the county, of the Black John stock. Mr. Elliott also owns three of the best Jacks in Graves county, of the Richmond stock. Like his father, he is both a Democrat and Catholic.

In 1878 he was married in Graves county to Miss Anna Carrico, who died two years later. In 1883 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner, whose maiden name was Haden. She had four children by her first husband, namely: Mary E., James H., George E. and William E. Skinner. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott the following family was born:

Clarence; Amy C., deceased; Ada O., deceased; Annie L.; Ada G.; and Dazie E. Both Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are very highly esteemed in the neighborhood, and have a host of friends who make their home a pleasant gathering place.

EDMUND CURD.

Edmund Curd was born in Calloway county, Kentucky, August 7, 1848, and now resides near Mayfield, Graves county, Kentucky. He is a son of William H. and Emily (Bailey) Curd, born in Calloway county and Todd county, Kentucky, respectively. The paternal grandfather was Edmund Curd, and he was born in Logan county, Kentucky, and came of Scotch-Irish descent. By profession he was a surveyor and sectionized the Jackson Purchase, with Nathan Bowman as assistant. The latter was the grandfather of Mrs. Edmund Curd. The maternal grandfather was Armstrong Bailey, who came of Irish parents.

William H. Curd was a successful farmer and made his home in Calloway county. In 1861, when the war broke out, he owned a quarter section of land and numerous slaves. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and in religion was a member of the Christian church. Although he did not enter the army, he sent two sons into the Confederate army. He died aged seventy-four years, a most excellent man, noted for his piety and kindness of heart. His wife survived him a few years, and then died aged sixty years. They had ten children: John L. enlisted in the Confederate army in 1862, and remained until the close; Thomas G. was also a Confederate soldier; Fannie J.; Edmund; William; Orlando F.; Lewis; Flavius J.; James E.; and Paron A.

Edmund Curd was reared and educated in his native county, and attended the Murray high school. His first experience in business life was as a merchant, and he also learned the trade of a carpenter, but after ten or twelve years settled down to farming and the handling of tobacco, and has so continued. He is a Democrat in politics and belongs to the Christian church.

Mr. Curd married, in Todd county, Kentucky, Miss Lizzie Rutherford, and she died within two years. In 1883 he was married to Miss Gertie Bowman, and three children have been born to them, namely: Betsey B., born February 23, 1885; Lillian M., born September 23, 1891; and Creed P., born November 25, 1892. Mr. Curd has been very successful in his work, and stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. Both he and Mrs. Curd have a host of friends whom they welcome at their pleasant home with lavish hospitality.

MARSHALL HOBSON.

Marshall Hobson, now one of the prosperous farmers near Sedalia, Graves county, Kentucky, has been a life-long resident of the state, and his energetic efforts have brought him an unusual degree of success. He started out in life almost in poverty, but during the succeeding years has reaped a fair reward for his diligence and perseverance.

Mr. Hobson comes of a well-known Virginia family, and his grandfather, Benjamin Hobson, and both of his parents were born in that state, being of English descent on both the paternal and the maternal sides. Henry Richardson, the maternal grandfather of Marshall Hobson, was also a native of Virginia. Benjamin and Susan (Richardson)

Hobson, the parents of Marshall Hobson, were early settlers in the state of Kentucky, where the former was a farmer and tobacco dealer the greater part of his life. He lived for some time in Trigg county, but in 1835 had taught the first school in Graves county. In politics he was a Democrat, and was a member of the Missionary Baptist church. He was thoroughly respected in his community for his integrity and force of character, and lived to the age of seventy-seven years, his death occurring in 1879, while his wife died in 1885, at the age of eighty-five. They were the parents of six children: Josiah B., who died in 1863; Marshall; Benjamin, Jr.; Sarah, now Mrs. W. S. Hunt; Mollie, Mrs. William Bingham; Hubbard, circuit clerk of McCracken county.

Marshall Hobson was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, May 12, 1844, and lived in that county until he was fifteen years old, attending the public school near his father's home. In 1859 he came to Graves county, which has been his permanent residence ever since. In addition to his public school education he was a student in Asbury (now De Pauw) University at Greencastle, Indiana. He then took up farming as his occupation and has followed it ever since. For the last twenty years he has also engaged in tobacco growing, and the successful prosecution of these two industries has placed him in prosperous circumstances. He has a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on the Sedalia road and near the little town of Sedalia and in its careful cultivation and business-like management it will compare favorably with any other farm in the vicinity.

Mr. Hobson follows the footsteps of his father in matters of religion and politics, and is a Democrat and a Missionary Baptist. He married, in 1867, Miss Mary Hunt, who was born and reared near Cottage, Tennessee. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hobson, as

follows: Samuel P.; John B.; Ora, now Mrs. McNeeley; Emma, the wife of William O'Connor; Mary, who died at the age of four years; Marshall, who died in 1902; Thomas; and Floy K.

SAMUEL P. MORGAN.

Samuel P. Morgan is one of the prominent farmers near Mayfield and has been engaged in that pursuit in Graves county for a number of years. He began life as a poor man, and has made his present prosperity by his good management and constant industry. At the same time he has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, who feel entire confidence in his integrity and his worth in the home and in business dealings.

Mr. Morgan has little authentic knowledge of his ancestry except that an uncle of his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution. His parents were Hugh and Judith (Baker) Morgan, who were both born in Virginia. The former was a farmer in his native state until about 1856, when he moved to Christian county, Kentucky, where he lived for a number of years, and about 1867 came to Graves county, where he made his home till his death. He affiliated with the Democratic party, and was a member of the Methodist church. His death occurred in 1889, when he was seventy-eight years of age. His first wife died in Virginia in 1852, having been the mother of the following children: Robert A., deceased; Mary A., deceased; Lucretia; William J., deceased; and Samuel P. His second wife was Mrs. Mary Baker, *nee* Hill, whose death occurred before his, and who bore him the following children: One that died in infancy; Judith A., deceased; John H.; Hugh R.; and Sallie, deceased.

Samuel P. Morgan was born in Halifax county, Virginia, September 8, 1849, and at the age of seven came to Christian county, Kentucky, where he was reared and received his education in the common schools. He began his career as a farmer in Graves county, and now has one hundred and sixty acres in the vicinity of Mayfield. His politics are Democratic, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church.

Mr. Morgan married, in 1879, Miss Bettie Bennett, who was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, a daughter of Eriah and Lucy Ann (Mills) Bennett, who moved to Graves county when Mrs. Morgan was a child, and she gained her education in the public schools of this county, and still resides within a mile of her old home. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan: Judith M., Ira E., Annie M., Cleveland M., Hugh W. and Robert H. The entire family are held in high esteem throughout their home community and are popular in social circles.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS.

Joseph H. Williams, deceased, was for a number of years an honored citizen of Pembroke, Kentucky. He was born in Todd county, this state, on the 13th of May, 1857, a son of John and Elizabeth Williams, the former of whom was numbered among the leading farmers and early settlers of Todd county. Joseph H., the youngest of their children, was reared in the county of his nativity, and in 1881 came to Christian county, where he followed agricultural pursuits. He received his education under the instruction of Professor James Faqua, at Armstrong, Kentucky, and after taking up his abode in Pembroke Mr. Williams engaged in farming and in other lines of trade. He was

a prominent member of the Baptist church, in which he long served as a deacon, was a member of the Masonic order and was an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. His death occurred on the 2d of December, 1902.

For his wife Mr. Williams chose Lizzie Holland, who was born in Christian county, Kentucky. Her father, the Rev. S. A. Holland, was a native of Warren county, this state, and for many years served as a minister in the Baptist church. His death occurred in 1872. His wife bore the maiden name of Almeda Brumfield, and her birth occurred in Tennessee. Mrs. Williams, the youngest of their six children, was reared in her native county, and by her marriage, which occurred in 1881, has become the mother of three children—John Holland, Ethel Virginia and Francis Ann. Mrs. Williams is the owner of a large tract of land which she operates with the assistance of her son.

JAMES MARTIN.

James Martin, an old and prominent resident of Graves county, Kentucky, and the owner of a fine farm near Farmington, is a Kentuckian by birth and of a family which has long been resident of the state. He is one of the survivors of the boys in gray, but after arms of civil strife were laid aside he took up the peaceful pursuit of farming, and has been one of the successful agriculturists of the western end of the state for many years.

Mr. Martin's family is of English descent on both sides. Joseph Martin, his grandfather, was born in North Carolina, and John and Elizabeth (Bridges) Martin, his parents, were both born in Trigg

county, Kentucky, the latter a daughter of William Bridges. John Martin was a life-long farmer in Trigg county, and was a public-spirited citizen and a forceful character in his community. He was a Democrat, and was of the Methodist faith but not a member of any church. He died in 1901, when eighty-four years old, but his wife died when her son James was about five years old. There were five children in their family: James, Margaret, Peachia, Mary and Felix G.

James Martin, the oldest child of his parents, was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, August 27, 1844, and passed his boyhood days in that county, with such educational advantages as the schools afforded. In 1864 he enlisted in Company C, Woodward's regiment, and fought for the Confederate cause until the close of the war. He came to Graves county, and has been one of the substantial and progressive farmers of this fine county ever since. He owns one hundred and sixty acres on the Boydsville road near the town of Farmington, and its well improved acres make a beautiful homestead and a profitable estate.

Mr. Martin is a Democrat, and his family are attendants of the Christian church. He married, in 1869, Miss Maggie E. Casey, who was born in Christian county, Kentucky, and died in 1879. She was the mother of two children, Flora and Thomas, both now deceased. In 1881 Mr. Martin married Miss Lizzie Williams, of Graves county. She died in 1882, having been the mother of one child, Lizzie, deceased. In 1883 he married Miss Ida Hudspeth, of Graves county, and the following children were born of this union: John T., Emma L., James T., Vascoe, Homer and Jessie K.

JOHN P. GARNETT.

John P. Garnett is one of the best known residents of Pembroke, Christian county, Kentucky, of which county he is a native and where he has spent the best years of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, by which he has made a worthy success and become prosperous and influential among his fellow-citizens.

He was born three miles from Pembroke on January 16, 1841, a son of Eldred Brockman Garnett, who was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, May 10, 1813. His grandfather, James Garnett, was also a native of Albemarle county, Virginia, and in 1821 came to Christian county, Kentucky, being one of the first settlers, when the country around was an expanse of virgin forest. He died on the old homestead farm in March, 1844, and was buried on the part of the farm which is now known as Rosedale cemetery. He was a prominent man in the community. He was a member of the old Baptist church of Bethel, which was built in 1816 and is still standing. He was a Whig in politics, but had been an acquaintance of Thomas Jefferson.

Eldred B. Garnett was but eight years old when he came to Christian county, and was reared to manhood on the farm. He was a member of the Baptist church, and a Whig adherent until the war. He married Frances A. Pendleton, a member of the distinguished Pendleton family of Virginia. She was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, the native county of George Washington, and died May 12, 1903, at the great age of ninety-three years, two months and twelve days. She and her husband reared a family of five children: Mrs. Dr. R. W. Morehead, of Princeton, Kentucky; Professor Virgil A. Garnett, who died November 16, 1899; William W., a prominent banker of Pembroke;

John P.; and Hon. James B., of Cadiz, Trigg county, who was state senator for four years and commonwealth's attorney for eighteen consecutive years.

John P. Garnett, the fourth child and third son in his father's family, was reared on the farm on which he was born. He received his advanced education in the college in Russellville, Kentucky. He left the farm in 1866 and engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued until 1890, after which he returned to his farm of one hundred and twenty acres, part of which lies in the corporation of Pembroke. He spends most of his time now in tending to his flowers and performing the lighter duties of farm life.

Mr. Garnett was married to Miss Rosa L. Lacey, who was born in Christian county, June 4, 1852, a daughter of D. and Elizabeth (Mosley) Lacey. She died June 8, 1890, having been the mother of three children: Mary A., the wife of Eugene Kelley, of Pembroke; Sarah W.; and Annie R. March 4, 1891, Mr. Garnett was married to Miss Sue M. Trimble, who was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, June 1, 1860, a daughter of S. Y. and Mary E. (Moorehead) Trimble.

Mr. Garnett is a deacon in the Pembroke Baptist church, and as one of the prominent members takes an active part in religious work. He is a Cleveland Democrat, and was postmaster of Pembroke for eighteen years, until he resigned. He is a stockholder and director in the Pembroke and Hopkinsville banks. He is a well informed man, and keeps himself posted on general matters by constant reading. When a young man he was in the habit of writing some clever and good verses, and was a contributor to the papers in Louisville and in his county.

The first Confederate general to fall in the Civil war was General Robert Selden Garnett, a relative of Mr. Garnett. Dr. A. Y. S. Gar-

nett, another connection, was one of the chief surgeons of the Confederate army, and General Richard B. Garnett was killed at Gettysburg while in command of his brigade. Muscoe R. Garnett was a member of congress from Virginia and a member of the first Confederate congress. The Garnetts came originally from England, and Virginia was their principal seat in this country, where many others besides those mentioned were high in political, social and business life.

JEREMIAH T. WILLINGHAM.

Jeremiah T. Willingham, one of the well known men of Graves county, is a native of this county and has lived in the state all his life, so that he is an out and out Kentuckian in all that term implies in the way of business shrewdness, generous hospitableness and ability to enjoy life in all phases and under all conditions. Mr. Willingham has followed both mercantile and agricultural pursuits, and is denominated as a hustler in whatever he undertakes. He is a thorough business man in demeanor and action, makes his efforts count in every direction, and handles his affairs with an independent energy that brings returns. He has also been a citizen of the highest reliability and public spirit, and he has the honor of being one of the youngest veterans of the Civil war in the state.

Mr. Willingham is of English ancestry, and his parents and grandparents on both sides were of Virginia birth. He was born in Graves county, Kentucky, July 11, 1849, and is a son of John C. and Elizabeth J. (Shelton) Willingham, the former a son of Isaac Willingham, and the father of the latter was a Baptist minister. Mr. Willingham was reared in Graves and Calloway counties, receiving his education

in the latter, and as soon as he reached the proper age he engaged in farming on his own account, having been used to that line of work from childhood. On January 2, 1863, when he was not yet fourteen years old, he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company D, Sixteenth Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry. This company was afterwards consolidated and became Company M, Sixteenth Kentucky Cavalry, and in this Mr. Willingham served till the close of the war, when he returned home with all the honors and privileges of a veteran, although he was still a boy. Mr. Willingham after a time gave up farming and embarked in the mercantile business at Jordan Station, Fulton county, Kentucky, where he carried a general line of dry goods, groceries, etc., and conducted a successful trade for twelve years. In 1892 he located on a farm in Fulton county, and was there until 1899, at which date he returned to his native county of Graves, and has since resided on a beautiful farm of one hundred and sixty acres four and one-half miles from Mayfield. This is a valuable piece of property, and his progressive methods of cultivating it make it profitable and one of the model farms of the vicinity.

Mr. Willingham follows the political trend of the state, and has always voted the Democratic ticket. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Scearce, who was born in Fulton county, Kentucky. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Willingham, as follows: Margaret E., Esther May, Edward E., Maud, John E., Myrtle, Robert F. and David W. Mr. and Mrs. Willingham are noted for their generous hospitality among a people who possess this virtue in a marked degree, and they are held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

HENRY PRESTON SIGHTS, M. D.

Henry Preston Sights, M. D., of Paducah, is one of the native sons of Kentucky whose careers have reflected honor upon the grand old state where they were born. Although born of one of the old and respected and substantial families of Kentucky, and with an honored ancestry reaching back many generations in the history of our country, he began life relying almost entirely on his own inborn elements of strength to carry him to the goal of his ambitions. From a drug clerk he became interested in medicine, and a little more than a decade ago he was given his degree of Doctor of Medicine, since which time he has been rising rapidly to the front rank of Kentucky physicians. In addition to a private practice of magnitude, he has filled one of the important public positions in his profession, and has in many ways been identified with public affairs in his community. He has a thorough mastery of his profession, gained from broad study before he began practice and from post-graduate courses in one of the foremost schools of the country. Thus fortified with technical preparation he possesses the sympathy and broad-mindedness which make the ideal physician, and the work which he has done among his patients has not only been honorable to himself but has partaken of the nature of world-charity, a factor in the alleviation of human suffering and the assisting of a fellow creature to increased happiness in life.

Dr. Sights traces his ancestry back to some of the early settlers of America, and has just cause for pride in the worthy part the various generations performed from colonial days to the present. Jacob Sights, in the fifth generation removed, was a native of the colony of Pennsylvania, and bore a gallant part in the Revolutionary war, and

the maternal great-grandfather of Dr. Sights was also a patriot soldier, so that members of the present generation are entitled to membership in that great order of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. David Sights, a son of Jacob Sights, was the father of Preston Sights, a paternal grandfather of Dr. Sights. James J. and Annie R. (Sanderfur) Sights, the parents of Dr. Sights, are both natives of Henderson county, Kentucky, where they are still living and where the former has all his life been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Both the Sights and Sanderfur families were early settlers of Henderson county.

Dr. Sights was born on a farm in Henderson county, Kentucky, near the village of Niagara, October 28, 1864, and is the second of his father's family of five sons. He was reared on the home farm, receiving his early education in the schools of Niagara and Corydon. He became a drug clerk in Henderson and later a druggist in Corydon, altogether spending about six years in the drug business. This experience in the drug store paved the way for him in the medical profession. He entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, and graduated in 1893, after which he was for two and a half years engaged in practice in Henderson. He was then appointed by Governor Bradley as first assistant physician for the Western Kentucky Hospital for the Insane, at Hopkinsville, a position which he creditably filled for nearly four years, from 1897 to 1900. In October, 1900, he came to Paducah, and in the short time he has resided here he has established a good practice and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him. In addition to the course in Louisville, he has taken three post-graduate courses in the New York Polyclinic.

Dr. Sights has identified himself with and takes a lively interest

in various medical associations, being a member of the American Medical Association, Kentucky State Medical Association, McCracken County Medical Society and the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society. He has been initiated into the mysteries of Free-masonry, and is a worthy member of that ancient order. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious views are those of the Christian church.

In 1886 Dr. Sights married Miss Virginia Niles, of Cairo, Kentucky, and they are the parents of two children, Warren and Ethel. Mrs. Sights was born in Henderson county, Kentucky, and is a daughter of the Rev. A. A. Niles and Mary (Phillips) Niles. Her father is a native of Indiana and is a prominent minister of the Baptist church, and her mother was born in Virginia and is related to the well known Swope family of the Old Dominion.

ROBERT B. PHILLIPS.

Robert B. Phillips, a prominent business man and citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, is a native son of this city, where his birth occurred on the 29th of June, 1864, his parents being Charles H. and Mary (Nolan) Phillips, the former a native of Louisville and the latter of Paducah. When a young man the father left Louisville and came to this city, where for a time he was employed as bookkeeper for the John Sherer wholesale grocery firm, but at the outbreak of the Civil war he put aside all personal considerations and offered his services to his loved southland, and was made an officer on General Tillman's staff. After the struggle had ended Mr. Phillips took up his residence in Cairo, Illinois, where he served as auditor for the C. & V. Railroad Com-

pany, but on account of failing health he finally returned to Louisville, the city of his nativity, and there his life's labors were ended in death.

After the death of his father Robert B. Phillips returned to Paducah with his mother, being then twelve years of age, and here he attended school for one year. At the age of thirteen he began work in the store of F. & W. H. Picke, and afterward, for nine years, was an employe of Fowler, Lee & Company. Going thence to New York, he entered an importing dry-goods house, and later that of Sylvester, Bell & Company, engaged in the same line of trade, working in the capacity of traveling salesman for the last named firm, and in that manner obtained a thorough knowledge of the dry-goods business. Several years thereafter Mr. Phillips returned to Paducah, and during the first year here managed a large dry-goods store. In 1894 he purchased an interest in the Ellis & Rudy dry-goods establishment, with which he has ever since been connected, and the firm of Rudy, Phillips & Company now holds a conspicuous place among the leading retail stores of Paducah. Mr. Ellis retired from the firm in 1896. In this establishment is found a complete line of dry-goods, shoes, carpets, cloaks, suits and millinery, and Mr. Phillips devotes his entire attention to the dry-goods department, while Mr. Rudy looks after the shoe business. Mr. Phillips is numbered among the young, progressive and enterprising business men of Paducah, and in addition to his large mercantile interests is also connected with many of the leading institutions of this city, being a member of the commission firm of George C. Wallace & Company; is president of the Alden Knitting Mills Company, which gives employment to two hundred operatives; is treasurer of the Paducah Commercial Club; and is a director of the Paducah Textile Company. The commission firm of George C.

Wallace & Company gives employment to seven traveling salesmen and are southern mill agents for many of the large mills in the south. They sell to the jobbers and large retail firms in only the larger points.

The marriage of Mr. Phillips was celebrated in 1894, when Kathryn Webb became his wife, she being a native of Tennessee. One child has come to brighten and bless their home, Joseph Becker Phillips, who was born on the 8th of December, 1900. Fraternally Mr. Phillips is identified with the Masonic order, holding membership relations with Plain City Lodge, No. 499, and both he and his wife are members of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS COLLEY.

Christopher Columbus Colley, one of the prominent farmers of Graves county, Kentucky, is of the second generation which has been born and bred in this, one of the thriving counties of western Kentucky. During his life of more than sixty years he has enjoyed a creditable degree of worldly prosperity, and as a citizen, friend and head of a household has won the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Colley is a son of Isaiah and Mary E. (Happy) Colley, the former a native of Caldwell county, Kentucky, and the latter born near Nashville, Tennessee. David Colley, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Virginia and of Irish descent, while the maternal grandfather was of German ancestry. Isaiah Colley was a prosperous farmer of Graves county, and he lived near the village of Farmington until his death, which occurred in 1861, when he was about sixty years old. In politics he was first a Whig, then a Democrat, but was of inde-

pendent views at the time of his death. His wife survived him until 1875, when she was seventy years old. They had the following children: James G., William M., deceased, Benjamin F., Christopher C., Andrew J., Theodore T., deceased, John C., Samuel E. and Mary N.

Christopher C. Colley was born in Graves county, Kentucky, August 30, 1840, and was reared and educated in this county. He has been acquainted with farming pursuits since an early age, and he has continued successfully in this line of endeavor to the present time. He owns a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres, which is well improved and equipped with excellent buildings and all necessary facilities, and he takes a commendable pride in keeping his premises in first-class condition.

Mr. Colley votes the Democratic ticket, and the religious views of himself and his wife are those of the Christian church. In 1868 he was married to Miss Eliza M. Williams, who lived only one year after her marriage, and left one son, Charles H. In 1875 he married Miss Sabra Flood, who was born in Graves county and has become the mother of the following children: Lee T., Lannus, deceased, Louis, deceased, and Alonzo.

JAMES M. FINLEY.

James M. Finley, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of McCracken county, a man noted for his kind neighborliness, his integrity of character and his exemplary life, was born November 26, 1828, in Fleming county, Kentucky. He is a son of Samuel B. and Mary (Purdham) Finley.

Samuel B. Finley was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and was

a son of Major John Finley, a resident of that state, although of Scotch-Irish descent. Major Finley was a Revolutionary patriot and an officer in the patriot army, and was afterward made the officer who made the first land survey that was recorded in the state of Kentucky. The mother of James M. Finley was born in Mason county, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Jonas Purdham, of German descent. Samuel B. Finley was one of the old pioneers of the state of Kentucky, having settled in Fleming county at an early date, where his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. In politics he was a Whig. He was an active member in the Presbyterian church until his death in 1842, aged forty-two years. His widow survived him nineteen years, dying in 1861, aged fifty-nine years. Their children were: John S.; David T.; Elizabeth, deceased; Martha J., deceased; Mary J.; Margaret, deceased, and James M.

James M. Finley was born and reared in Fleming county on the first government survey that was made and recorded in Kentucky, near what is known as Upper Blue Licks land office. He received the best education afforded by the schools of the time and locality, and grew to manhood sturdy and strong from the healthful outdoor life and exercise he found on the farm. For a short time he engaged in merchandising at Sherburne, in Fleming county, Kentucky, but he then settled down to farming. This has been his main occupation in connection with stock dealing, although for four years, from 1856 to 1860, he was engaged in freight across the plains, for Water, Russell & Co., who were government contractors. His route extended from Leavenworth, Kansas, to Denver and Fort Laramie. Some of his recollections of those days are intensely interesting and give the listener a better idea of the courage and bravery of that band of freighters than could be

obtained from many books. Mr. Finley now resides on a well situated farm of eighty acres, on the Benton road, a few miles from Paducah, McCracken county. It is well cultivated and improved and shows that its owner is a capable and practical farmer.

Until within eight years, Mr. Finley was identified with the Democratic party, but he now supports the Populist party, believing the principles advocated by it superior to all others. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is liberal in his contributions to its support. Mr. Finley is the only one living of the three charter members of the Fleming county lodge of Royal Arch Masons.

In 1848 Mr. Finley was married to Miss Miranda Ricketts, who was born in Fleming county in 1832. She passed out of life in 1880, aged forty-eight years. The children born to them were: Thomas C., who was sheriff of McCracken county at the time of his death in 1882; John S.; George C.; Marshall T.; Elizabeth P.; Mittie, deceased; and James E., deceased.

JOHN C. GALLOWAY.

John C. Galloway, one of the successful farmers of Graves county, Kentucky, was born in this county on the 13th of August, 1845, and in the paternal line is of Irish descent. His grandfather, John Galloway, was born in Murray county, Tennessee. He is a son of Samuel S. and Adaline (Gillerland) Galloway, the former also a native of Murray county, and the latter of Alabama, and in their family were the following children: John C.; Mamie, the wife of Charles Humphreys, a farmer of Graves county; William T., also engaged in agricul-

tural pursuits in this county; Thomas L., deceased; Nathan L., familiarly known as "Nick," and engaged in farming in Graves county; Lucy, the wife of Thomas Watkins; and Alfred B., commonly called "Bud." All are living on farms in Graves county.

John C. Galloway was reared to years of maturity in his native county, receiving his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He early engaged in farming and tobacco dealing, but is now devoting his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a fine farm of two hundred and ninety acres, all of which is well improved, and on which he has excellent barns and a beautiful home. He is justly regarded as one of the leading farmers of his locality. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Democrat, and his religious connections are with the Missionary Baptist church, to which he gives liberally towards its support, and of which his wife is also a valued member.

In 1876 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Galloway and Miss Nellie Jenkins, the latter of whom was born in Graves county, Kentucky, July 7, 1854, a daughter of J. L. and Mary (Yandell) Jenkins. Her father was born and reared in Owen county, this state, while her mother's birth occurred in Tennessee. They took up their abode in Graves county, near Sedalia, and there Mr. Jenkins passed away in death in 1872, at the age of fifty-two years. His widow still survives and makes her home in Mayfield. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, namely: Robert F., Addie (deceased), Vernon, Marshall and Brown. The family are highly esteemed in the neighborhood in which they reside, and are kind, hospitable people, with a wide circle of friends.

THOMAS L. GALLOWAY.

In the death of Thomas L. Galloway Graves county lost one of its most prominent and useful citizens. He was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state throughout the period of his business career, and his life was filled with good deeds and kindly thoughts, while all who knew him entertained for him the highest regard by reason of his upright, honorable life. Mr. Galloway was born in Graves county in 1858 and was a son of Samuel S. and Adaline (Gillerland) Galloway, natives respectively of Murray county, Tennessee, and Alabama. In the paternal line the family is of Irish origin, and the grandfather of our subject, John Galloway, also claimed Murray county, Tennessee, as the place of his nativity.

Thomas L. Galloway enjoyed the educational privilege afforded by the public schools of his native county, and his entire life was spent in the tilling of the soil. In 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Susan E. Cross, a native of Graves county, and prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools. This union was blessed with seven children, namely: Roscoe, T. Z., Lora, Samuel, Lillie (deceased), Curtis and Lady T. On the 3d of November, 1902, the loving husband and father was summoned into eternal rest, at the age of forty-four years, three months and twelve days, respected and honored by all who knew him. When the final summons came he was resigned and ready, administering comfort and giving advice to his life-long companion and children, and departed this life with faith and Christian courage. Mrs. Galloway is a worthy member of the Primitive Baptist church.

JAMES HENRY POWELL.

James Henry Powell, orator, lecturer and lawyer, and son of Lazarus W. Powell, was born in Henderson county, Kentucky, on the 8th of April, 1839. He was provided with excellent educational privileges, attending the best private schools of his native county, after which he continued his studies in the Sayre Institute at Frankfort, where he remained for five years. His collegiate course was obtained in the University of Virginia, where he remained three years, being graduated with honor in the class of 1859. He seemed instinctively to turn to the profession of law, and surely he was intended by nature for this calling, his splendid oratorical gifts and strong, analytical and comprehensive mind ably fitting him for law practice. He began study in his father's office and after six months was admitted to the bar.

From the beginning of his career as a legal practitioner his efforts have been attended with success. He has mastered the science of jurisprudence, and his deep research and thorough preparation of every case committed to his care enables him to meet at once any contingency that may arise. His cause is fenced about with unanswerable logic and his arguments are strong, clear, decided and follow each other in natural sequence, forming a chain of reasoning that his opponent finds very difficult to overthrow. His delivery is graceful, his voice clear and ringing, and his eloquence carries all before it; it is not the adornment of words or flowery phrases, which often obscure the thought, but the eloquence born of the occasion and inspired by a sense of true justice of human rights and liberties.

On the 21st of October, 1862, Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Alves, second daughter of Robert A. and

Mary (Gayle) Alves, a lady of culture and refinement, and they have had seven children, namely: Robert A., Lazarus W., Henry J., John W. Stevenson, Johnston Alves, Harriett Jennings and William Gayle.

For several years after his marriage Mr. Powell gave his attention exclusively to his law business, and then entered the lecture field, where for some time he labored in the interests of temperance alone. His logic, his earnest, impassioned utterances and his convincing arguments made him an able champion and he was recognized as one of the strongest advocates of that noble cause among those who are devoting their lives to its advancement. Later he prepared and delivered other lectures of high literary merit on various subjects, traveling throughout the greater part of the United States and Canada and receiving high encomiums from the people wherever he went. Humor and pathos, wit and drollery have attracted his hearers, swaying them with the emotions which he portrays until tears of one moment are chased away by the smiles of the next. He is a master of the art of rhetoric and his broadly cultured mind is a vast storehouse upon which he draws without seeming exhaustion of its contents. He closed his career on the lecture platform with his work in behalf of the Lee Monument Association, under the authority of the governor of Virginia, and upon his return home once more took up the practice of law.

Mr. Powell served for two years as prosecuting attorney for the city and was then elected county attorney, also serving in that capacity for two terms. In 1880 he was elected commonwealth's attorney for the third judicial district of Kentucky; on the expiration of his six year's term was re-elected, and again in 1892 was the choice of the people for a third term in that office. What higher testimonial of his fidelity to duty could be given than this second re-election, whereby he will

have been retained in office for eighteen years? With a keen appreciation of the dignity of the law, and with the knowledge that justice is largely in his hands, making him the protector of the lives and liberties of his fellowmen, he defends the right with an earnestness and courage that challenges the admiration of all. Though he meets in forensic combat the ablest members of the bar of the district, he has won their highest respect and confidence by his extreme fairness. He cares not for the laurels, if they must be won by debasing himself, debauching public morality or degrading the dignity of his profession, but stands as the defender of the weak against the strong, the right against the wrong, the just against the unjust. Connected with many important cases, he has gained a reputation as a brilliant and learned lawyer which ranks him among the best in the state. Among the most prominent addresses in the courts perhaps none attracted more attention than that in which he conducted the prosecution of the murderer of Abbie Olliver. The courtroom was crowded to its utmost capacity, until by order of the judge the doors were closed. A local paper, in writing of the event, said: "His clear, silvery voice filled the auditorium with a flood of eloquence, and in the packed courtroom every ear hung upon his words as they came rushing like a torrent from his gifted tongue. His invective was scathing in the extreme, and he handled the evidence as only a master can, while his reference to the poor murdered girl was such a commingling of beauty and pathos that stout-hearted, brave men shed tears. Such was the effect of the speech that it was impossible to suppress the applause, which shook the building."

Although not an active politician in the sense of office-seeking, Mr. Powell has done effective service in the interests of the Democracy and warmly defends its principles. He has been frequently urged to become

the candidate of his party in the second congressional district, but prefers to serve his fellow-townsmen at home in the line of his chosen profession. He is an esteemed member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities, and has delivered lectures throughout the country in behalf of the last named organization. Mr. Powell is a very popular citizen, his honorable life and commendable characteristics, combined with a genial, kindly manner having won him a host of warm friends. He has won a national reputation as an orator, yet in manner is unostentatious and easily approached by the humblest of the land.

Of James H. Powell's family the only one following the law is John Stevenson Powell, who was born in Henderson county, Kentucky, on the 5th of June, 1868. He was named in honor of John W. Stevenson, of Covington, a warm personal friend of his grandfather, Lazarus W. Powell. He was educated in the public and private schools of Henderson and entered upon his business career as deputy in the office of the clerk of the county court, where he remained for three years. He afterward served for two years as deputy sheriff, and then took up the study of law, which was the chosen profession of his family for several generations. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a charter member of Henderson Lodge, No. 206, B. P. O. E., and attends St. Paul's Episcopal church.

RICHARD B. WRIGHT.

The father of this well known Graves county farmer was J. M. Wright, who was born in the state of North Carolina in 1781. He came to Warren county, Kentucky, in early life and settled three miles

west of Bowling Green. In 1837 he came to Graves county, and died on his farm six miles west of Mayfield in 1841. He was a member of the old Whig party, and had a very successful career as a farmer. He married Miss Anna Briggs, who was born in Scotland in 1787, and her death occurred two years previous to that of her husband. Their marriage was celebrated in 1804, and the following children were born of the union: Dr. Thomas Wright, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who died in 1890; Robert, a blacksmith and farmer of Graves county, who was living six miles west of Mayfield at the time of his death in 1890; Marion, the wife of Gardner Seay, a farmer of Hickman county, Kentucky, died in 1857; William J. was a farmer of Graves county and died in 1882; Katie, the wife of Greenbury New, a cabinet-maker of Carlisle county, Kentucky, is still living at an advanced age; Hester is the wife of Robert Gardner, a Methodist minister of Breckinridge county, Kentucky; Sarah A. died in 1888; Joseph resides at Mayfield; Martha died in 1856; Dr. A. F. Wright died in 1901 in Grayson county, Texas; Alice is the wife of James Brown, a carpenter in Graves county; Susan H., the wife of Lafayette Cole, a farmer in Hickman county, died in 1896; Samuel is a retired merchant of Mayfield; Leander died at the age of thirteen.

The name of Richard B. Wright completes the list of this large family, and he was born in Warren county, Kentucky, in 1833. He was educated in Graves county, and must have been a studious and bright pupil, for after finishing his scholastic training he taught school for several years in Graves and other counties. He afterward turned his attention to farming, which he has made his chief occupation, and he has been unusually successful, at the present time being the owner of four hundred acres three miles southeast of Wingo, Graves county.

In 1858 Mr. Wright was married to Miss Mary Ann Gregory, of Mayfield, Kentucky, and the following children were born to them: Jasper H., a farmer of Graves county; John B. also farms in the same county; Thomas is one of the popular school teachers of the county; Albert C. is a farmer in Graves county; Lilly is the wife of Samuel Daughaday, a merchant of Mayfield; Mattie is the wife of Thomas Fowler, a farmer of Fulton county, Kentucky; E. L. Wright is a Methodist minister of McCracken county, Kentucky; Mary is the wife of Charles Graham, a farmer of Graves county; and the youngest member of the family is Miss Ollie.

ALPHONSUS KAMMER CARRICO.

Alphonsus K. Carrico is one of the young native-born citizens of Graves county, and is already at the front as a member of the agricultural element. He has done well in his farming and stock-dealing operations, and has a large field of usefulness and endeavor before him in which to exercise powers as a business man and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Carrico comes of an old Kentucky family, his paternal grandfather, Henry Carrico, being a native of Casey county, this state, and his maternal grandfather, Samuel Willett, being born in Washington county, Kentucky.

Frank M. and Eliza J. (Willett) Carrico, the parents of Alphonsus K. Carrico, were also natives of this state, the former of Washington county, and the latter of Graves county. Frank M. Carrico was a stock dealer, and very successful in his operations, becoming the owner of considerable real estate in Carlisle county, Kentucky, where he died January 14, 1897, at the age of sixty-two. He was a Democrat and

quite prominent in politics, although he did not aspire to office. He was a member of the Catholic church. His wife is still living in Carlisle county at the age of sixty years. They were the parents of the following children: Hallie, who died at the age of thirty-three; Alphonsus, Samuel P., Henry M., Leo M., John L., Mary G.

Alphonsus K. Carrico was born in Graves county, Kentucky, January 13, 1871. He was reared and educated in the public schools of this and Carlisle counties, and when he started out for himself he began working on a farm and dealing in cattle. He is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and five acres, well improved and cultivated in an up-to-date manner, near the city of Mayfield. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

January 29, 1900, Mr. Carrico was married in this county to Miss Dora F. Marshall, who was born in Scott county, Missouri, April 5, 1879. Two children have been born to them, Otha, on September 17, 1901, and Myrtle, May 6, 1903. Mr. Carrico is a young man who stands very high in the community in which he resides, and is justly regarded as one of the representative farmers of the county.

LOGAN L. BROWN.

Among the prosperous farmers and highly respected citizens of McCracken county, Kentucky, is the subject of this sketch, Logan L. Brown, whose identity with this county dates from 1887.

Mr. Brown was born in Henderson county, Kentucky, in the year 1842, and comes from North Carolina and Virginia ancestry, his parents, Charles W. and Rachel (Green) Brown, having been born in North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. His grandfather, William Brown,

was a Scotchman who settled in North Carolina at an early day; and his maternal grandfather, Peter Green, was a native of the Old Dominion. Charles W. Brown was a soldier in the war of 1812, a participant in the battle of New Orleans, and was a prosperous farmer. His two sons, Peter B. and Logan L. Brown, continued in the occupation in which they were reared, both becoming successful farmers, Peter B. now being a resident of Henderson county.

Logan L. Brown had not yet emerged from his 'teens when the great Civil war broke out, but his youthful spirit was fired with love of native land and he went out in 1861 as a soldier in the Confederate service. He shared the fortunes of the southern army until 1864, when he returned home and settled down to farming in Henderson county, and two years later was married. In 1887 he moved with his family to McCracken county, where he has since been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Brown was married in 1866 to Miss Lizzie Rue, daughter of Stanford Rue, a well known farmer of Henderson county, and their children are Charles, Anestion, Ottist and Elmer. Mrs. Brown died in 1889. Politically Mr. Brown is a Republican and has ever taken an active interest in local politics. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JAMES BENNETT WILEY.

A prominent factor in various interests in and around Maxon Mill, McCracken county, Kentucky, is found in the subject of this sketch, James Bennett Wiley. He is a native of McCracken county, was born in the year 1859, and is a son of James and Martha H. (Ogilvie) Wiley, the former a native of Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, and the

latter of Tennessee. James Wiley located in McCracken county in early life and was one of its prosperous and highly respected farmers. He died in 1874, at the age of fifty-eight years, and was buried in Newton Creek graveyard. His wife, whom he wedded in 1850, survived him a number of years, her death occurring in 1891, at the age of seventy-one years. Their two sons are James Bennett and Stephen L., the latter a resident of California, interested in the Barrett & Hicks Hardware Company, of Fresno.

James Bennett Wiley was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools near his home. After leaving school he engaged in the general medicine business with his brother, in Woodville, Kentucky, where he met with success and where he continued until 1880. That year he went west and turned his attention to mining and cattle-raising, remained in the west for a period of fifteen years, and in 1895 returned to his old home in Kentucky. Since his return to McCracken county he has been engaged in farming and in the drug business at Maxon Mill, and has been prospered in his undertakings.

Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Fannie Rudd, also of McCracken county, and they are the parents of one child, Stephen R. Mr. Wiley is identified with the same political party his father supported, and has always taken an active interest in local politics.

JOHN LENIHAN.

John Lenihan, one of the old and respected residents of Graves county, has had a career of successful endeavor since coming to this country over half a century ago, and is the object of especial esteem in the county of his adoption, where he has spent the best years of his

life in honest labor. He is one of the many sons of Ireland who have come to this country without money and seeking opportunity to make an honorable place in life. He found his sphere of activity on this county, and none can find fault with the manner in which he has discharged his duties as a citizen and a man.

Mr. Lenihan comes of a family which had lived in Ireland for many generations before his birth. He was born in county Waterford, on Christmas day, 1831, a son of Michael and Mary (Brien) Lenihan, the former of whom was a successful merchant of Dungarvan, Ireland. Both parents were devout Roman Catholics. They died when John was a small boy, and he has but slight recollection of them.

John and his brother Maurice were the only children, and they both came to America when John was seventeen years old. Maurice located in New Orleans, where he was employed by the Harrison Morgan Steamship Company, and was finally given full charge of their business and was on the highroad to prosperity. But the breaking out of the Civil war ruined the business, and after it was over Maurice, who had sympathized with the Confederate cause, traveled about the country and finally died at Santiago, on the Brazos river in Texas.

John Lenihan had learned the tailor's trade before coming to America, and on locating in the town of Mayfield, Kentucky, he at once began to ply his craft. He engaged in this pursuit for twenty years, and by close attention to business and honesty in dealing soon commanded an excellent trade. During the Civil war he was a sutler in the Union army in Companies A and B, First Illinois Cavalry, for four years, and during that time was taken prisoner five times, but managed to escape each time. While in business in Mayfield he bought a farm on the Sedalia road, two miles from Mayfield, and containing

ninety acres of well improved land, and he and his wife afterwards moved out to this place, and have since been engaged in its cultivation. It is a delightful place in which to spend their declining years, and they have a happy home there and are contented with its comforts.

Mr. Lenihan has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party. He was married in 1859 to Miss Mary Panix, a native of Dover, Tennessee. They have had the following children: John, Maurice, Mollie, Thomas, Rose, Patrick, Robert, William and Mattie. The name of Lenihan is respected in Graves county, and the younger generation is adding its quota towards sustaining the family record for honesty of purpose and action and strict adherence to duty.

WALTER GRIFFIN.

Among the prosperous young farmers of McCracken county, Kentucky, is found Walter Griffin, a brief sketch of whom is as follows:

Walter Griffin was born in McCracken county, Kentucky, in the year 1873, son of W. P. and Sallie M. (Le Roy) Griffin, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Tennessee. W. P. Griffin was born in 1814 and died in 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years. The latter part of his life was passed in McCracken county, where he was engaged in farming. Politically he was a Democrat, and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church, of which he was for many years a consistent member. Mrs. Sallie M. Griffin was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, and is still living. Her father, Joseph Le Roy, was a Virginian by birth and lived to a very old age. The family of W. P. and Sallie M. Griffin consists of two sons and two daughters, namely: Daisy, wife of J. C. Rivers, of Maxon Mill, McCracken

county; Mamie, wife of A. F. Williams, of Paducah, Kentucky; Walter C., a well known and prosperous farmer of McCracken county; and Walter, whose name introduces this review.

Walter Griffin was educated in the public schools of Paducah, and since leaving school has been engaged in farming and gardening, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and forty acres in the western part of the county. He is also interested in stock-raising. Few of the younger farmers of this locality are better known than he, and few, if any, have before them brighter prospects for success.

Mr. Griffin married, in 1898, Miss Mattie Warren, daughter of J. P. Warren, a prominent and wealthy farmer of McCracken county, and they have one child, a son, John W.

H. C. HILLIARD, M. D.

A recent addition to the medical profession of McCracken county, Kentucky, is found in the young man whose name introduces this sketch, Dr. H. C. Hilliard, of Cecil. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Hickman county, in the year 1875, son of David and Lizzie (Hays) Hilliard, the former a native of Green county, Kentucky, and the latter of Hickman county. Both parents died in the prime of life, the father in 1889, at the age of thirty-five years; the mother in 1887, at the age of thirty-two years. He was a farmer and a veterinary surgeon, politically a Democrat and religiously a Methodist, and a respected citizen. The Doctor's paternal grandfather was David Hilliard, a native of Green county, Kentucky; and his maternal grandfather was Hercules Hays, a native of Washington county, Kentucky. Dr. Hilliard has one brother and two sisters, namely: Coleman Hilliard, a well known

farmer of McCracken county; Emma J., wife of Walter Norman; and Bertha E., wife of James Allison, both prosperous farmers of Hickman county, Kentucky.

H. C. Hilliard was educated in the State College at Lexington, Kentucky, the State Normal College of Ada, Ohio, and the medical college at Cincinnati. Previous to his entering medical college he was for a time engaged in the drug business. He completed his medical course and graduated in 1900, and immediately after entered upon the practice of his profession in his native county, where he remained until 1903, that year removing to McCracken county and locating in Cecil, where he has bright prospects for the future.

Dr. Hilliard was married in 1900 to Miss Mentie Price, daughter of Samuel and Lizzie (Scott) Price, natives of middle Tennessee, and for some years residents of Hickman county, Tennessee, where her father died in 1892, at the age of sixty two years, and where her mother is still living. Mrs. Hilliard's brothers and sisters are John, William, Grundy, Dalton and Couch Price; and Mollie, wife of Weiley Rabey, a farmer of Graves county, Kentucky; Fannie, wife of John Sanders, a farmer of Hickman county; Ella, wife of Eli Hodges, a farmer of Hickman county; and Dollie, wife of Richard Hays, a farmer of McCracken county.

WILLIAM R. PEAL.

William R. Peal, a well known resident of Paducah, Kentucky, and coroner of McCracken county, was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, August 28, 1840. He is a son of Dennis and Eugenia (Ramsey) Peal, the former of whom was a native of North Carolina and the latter of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Stephen Peal, was

born in England, and the maternal grandfather, William Ray, was born in North Carolina. Dennis Peal was a farmer, and became very prominent. In politics he was an old-line Whig and a Henry Clay Democrat, and he died at the age of sixty-five years, while the mother died when she was forty years of age. Six children were born to them, namely: Amos, William R., John James, Mary Ann, Helson, and James S., all of whom are living and were reared and educated in McCracken county.

Mr. Peal was elected sheriff of Trigg county, Kentucky, in 1878, and held that responsible office until 1882, when he removed to Paducah, and entered the police force, being speedily made captain. This office he retained until 1889, when he was elected coroner of the county, and still holds that office. Mr. Peal is a Democrat of influence in his party and highly respected by all who know him. In his religious connections he is a member of the Broadway Methodist church of Paducah. Fraternally he is a member of the Maccabees, and is very popular in that organization.

In 1864 Mr. Peal was married to Lucie A. Childress, also a native of Trigg county, Kentucky, and two children were born of this union, namely: Minnie Ophialie, now married and residing in San Angelo, Texas; and J. M. Peal, also of San Angelo, Texas, a very successful ice dealer and prominent citizen.

EDWARD HOSTETTER.

Edward Hostetter, a very prominent citizen of Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1857 and is a son of Daniel and Mary Anna (Buck) Hostetter, natives of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Ger-

many, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Edward Hostetter, was born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, while the maternal grandfather, William Buck, was born in Germany. Daniel Hostetter was a brick-layer by occupation. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a Democrat in politics, and died in 1869 aged fifty-nine years. His widow is still living in Paducah at the age of sixty-three years, and is a very consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She enjoys excellent health and is a very important member of her family.

Edward Hostetter was reared and educated in Cincinnati, Ohio, and after leaving school worked in a blacksmith shop for five years, after which he engaged with Nickols and Peas, boiler manufacturers of Chicago, with whom he remained three years. In 1878 he came to Paducah, Kentucky, and went to work for the Lenhard boiler works as foreman. He continued in this capacity until the death of Mr. Lenhard, January 30, 1902, when he purchased the shop, and conducts it under the name of Plain City boiler works. His plant is conveniently located on the corner of Second avenue and Tennessee street, and the business was established by Mr. Lenhard in 1868. Mr. Hostetter is a stanch Democrat but has never aspired to public office.

On February 6, 1897, Mr. Hostetter was married to Miss June Polsgrove, a daughter of a well known carpenter of Fulton, Kentucky. Mrs. Hostetter was born in Hickman county, Kentucky, and has borne her husband children as follows: Edward, Henry, Susan and William, all of whom are living. Mr. Hostetter is an enterprising business man, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited, as it has been gained through untiring energy, faithful work and personal application to the deals of his concern.

JOHN D. TEMPLEMAN.

John D. Templeman, who is engaged in dealing in coal, feed and grain at Princeton and is also interested in a number of other enterprises which benefit the city as well as advance individual success, was born here on the 26th of October, 1873, his parents being Matthew William and Nellie (Dudley) Templeman. His father was born in Russellville, Todd county, Kentucky, in the year 1851, and was a son of John and Margaret (Currence) Templeman, both of whom were of Virginia birth. The mother of Mr. Templeman was born in Princeton and is a daughter of Milton and Eliza (Harpending) Dudley, members of old families of Caldwell county. For many years Matthew W. Templeman was engaged in merchandising in Princeton, and was recognized as one of the most enterprising, progressive business men of the city. Having lost his eyesight he has retired. Both he and his wife have a very wide acquaintance in the city and in Caldwell county, and enjoy in large measure the regard and esteem of those with whom they have been brought in contact. They had but two children: John D. and James M.

Under the parental roof John D. Templeman was reared, and in the public schools of Princeton he acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in Lexington, Kentucky. Thus he was well fitted by broad literary and intellectual training for the practical and responsible duties of a business career. Returning to his home he has since been identified with business interests in Princeton, and since 1898 has engaged in the conduct of a coal, feed and grain store. A man of good business ability and marked enterprise, he has also extended his efforts into other fields of labor, and, becoming interested in the

telephone business, he has since 1902 acted as local manager for the East Tennessee Telephone Company. He is likewise connected with the transfer business in Princeton and is establishing a water works system in the town, building up the latter enterprise from a limited capital. It will readily be seen that his efforts have been directed along lines that have proved of great benefit to the city, and not only through business affairs but in other ways has Mr. Templeman aided in promoting the welfare, progress and substantial improvement of his native town.

In 1902 Mr. Templeman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Darby, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. W. J. Darby, of Evansville, Indiana. Their attractive home is celebrated for its gracious and pleasing hospitality, which is enjoyed by their many friends. In his political affiliations Mr. Templeman is a Democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge, and in religious faith is connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. A young man, he has already been able to attain enviable success, which will undoubtedly be increased as the years pass by, for he possesses marked enterprise, laudable ambition and strong determination.

A. B. YATES.

A. B. Yates, a prominent business man of Paducah, Kentucky, and manager of the well known grocery firm of Bockman Grocery Company, of that city, was born in Union City, Obion county, Tennessee, July 27, 1878. He is a son of J. T. Yates and his wife Margaret (Haywood) Yates, both of whom were born in Obion county, Tennessee. The paternal grandfather, Christian Yates, was born in Tennessee, of Irish parentage, while the maternal grandfather was born in the same state, also of Irish parents. J. T. Yates was one of the

well known physicians of Union City, and became very prominent as a Democrat, always taking an active part in all campaigns. Both parents of our subject are now deceased, and they had a family as follows: S. D., George Elmore, A. B., Thomas Lester, May Belle and Alvia, all of whom are living, having been reared and educated in Union City, Tennessee.

After leaving school A. B. Yates removed to Paducah and entered the employ of Bockman Grocery Company, remaining with this company from 1895 until the present day, and rising successively from the position of clerk to that of manager, through his ability, excellent judgment and faithful service.

Mr. Yates is not only a successful business man, but he is also popular in the Maccabees fraternity and in the social circles of the city. As a member of the Methodist church he lends his support to that body and takes part in its work, and no man in Paducah stands higher in public esteem and confidence than he, although he has scarcely passed his first quarter of a century.

CHARLES J. CLARK.

Charles J. Clark, at present occupying the position of mailing clerk in the postoffice at Paducah, Kentucky, was born in Florence, Kentucky, December 19, 1869, a son of Captain W. C. and Viola (Jones) Clark. Captain Clark, who is of Irish lineage, was born in Orange county, Virginia, in 1831. In 1857 he came to Paducah, Kentucky, and in the following year was married. By this union there were the following children: Mattie, Millie, Cora, Bettie, Maggie, Katie, Ellen, John and Charles J.

Captain Clark in early life had chosen the trade of carpenter for

his life work and had followed it many years before he engaged in farming, which he followed till a few years ago, since which time he has lived retired from active business relations. At the outbreak of the Civil war Captain Clark raised a company for the Confederate army and became its captain, and served with gallantry throughout the war. He has always been active in politics, and is an ardent and uncompromising Democrat, having done much for the local success of that party. He has held several public offices in the gift of his party, was a member of the state legislature and postmaster of Paducah. To this latter office he was appointed in 1886, and continued acceptably to fill that office until 1896.

It was during his father's incumbency of the position of postmaster that Charles J. Clark rendered his first services in the postoffice, and, owing to his marked fitness for such work, has been continued in some department up to the present time. As mailing clerk he has won an enviable reputation for adeptness, and his duties have been discharged with entire faithfulness and credit to himself.

CHARLES H. BUSH.

Charles H. Bush is a prominent lawyer of Hopkinsville and enjoys a large practice in the town and county. He was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, October 28, 1856. His grandfather, Zenas Bush, is supposed to have been of German descent. His father, Howard B. Bush, was born in North Carolina and emigrated to Tennessee in the early part of the nineteenth century. He was a farmer and died in the latter state in 1862. He married Panthea B. Ellis, a native of Tennessee and reared in Humphreys county.

Charles H. Bush was the only child and son of his parents, and he lost his mother when he was four months old and his father when he was six years of age. He was reared in the family of an uncle till he was fifteen years old, and at that age started out on his own responsibility. He clerked in a country store and attended school at what odd times he could find. He was a student in a West Virginia college for two years, and then entered the law office of Henry Bennett, of Paducah, where he read law for one year and was then licensed to practice. He remained in Paducah for about a year after being admitted to the bar, and while there was married to Miss Jennie Gary, of Christian county. He soon afterward located in Hopkinsville, where he has been engaged in constant practice for twenty-two years. He has certainly deserved all the success he has won, for he is a strictly self-made man, having been dependent on his own efforts for advancement since he was a boy. He has always been an active supporter of Democratic principles. He made the race for the Democratic nomination for circuit judge, which resulted in one of the closest contests within the party ever known in western Kentucky. He is a director in the Bank of Hopkinsville and is interested in the Crescent Milling Company, and has been as successful in his business enterprises as in his legal career.

Mr. Bush has been a member of the Christian church for twenty-nine years, and holds the office of deacon. He lost his first wife after they had been married about six years, and in 1888 he was married to Miss Mattie M. Rives, of Montgomery county, Tennessee. Of the first marriage there were three children: R. Howard, of Texas, and Lillian and Lucile, at home. The children of the present marriage were Jennie and Florence, and Sarah, deceased.

DR. THOMAS W. BLAKEY.

Dr. Thomas W. Blakey is one of the foremost medical practitioners in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and has made a reputation for skill and professional ability that gains him the confidence and patronage of the representative citizens of the town and county. He was born in Russellville, Logan county, Kentucky, August 4, 1858. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and the earliest American ancestor came over contemporarily with the Mayflower Pilgrims. William Blakey, the great-grandfather of Dr. Blakey, was a native of Virginia and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, having crossed the Delaware on that memorable occasion with Washington. He was one of the pioneers of Logan county, Kentucky, and settled in the woods among the Indians and wild animals. His son, Thomas, who is supposed to have been born in Logan county, built the first brick house in that county.

Churchill H. Blakey, the father of Dr. Blakey, was a native of Logan county and followed farming as his life occupation. He married Mary Catherine Beckel, a daughter of Judge Theodore Beckel, who was a prominent pioneer of Kentucky. He had been a soldier with Bonaparte and was captured by the English and taken as a prisoner of war to Canada, whence, after his liberation, he came to Kentucky. He located in Russellville, where he was a leading business man and city judge. He was of French origin. Churchill H. Blakey and wife had nine children, six sons and three daughters, and eight grew up.

Dr. Blakey was the oldest of the family, and was reared in Logan county, receiving his schooling in Auburn. He formed an ambition to study medicine and entered Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and after his graduation located in Auburn, Kentucky. He

practiced there five years, and in 1887 came to Hopkinsville, where he has built up a large patronage.

Dr. Blakey was married in 1884 to Miss Lucile Blakley, a daughter of G. T. and Sarah E. Blakley of Logan county. They have two children, Sallie and Churchill. Dr. Blakey is a member of the Christian County Medical Society, of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society and the Railway Surgeons' Medical Association. He is a Mason and a member of the Baptist church.

DR. EDGAR C. ANDERSON.

Dr. Edgar C. Anderson, a prominent and progressive physician of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was born in Christian county, Kentucky, February 6, 1858. His grandfather was a native of Virginia and a farmer by occupation. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Dr. M. W. Anderson, the father of Dr. Anderson, was a native of Virginia, and was a graduate of the University of Virginia and the medical school at Lexington, Kentucky. He had moved to Brownsville, Tennessee, in boyhood, with his father, and was reared there. After receiving his professional education he located in Gallatin, Tennessee, and thence went to Todd county, Kentucky, practicing near Trenton for a number of years, and came to Christian county in 1853 and engaged in farming and speculating near Newstead. He died in St. Louis in 1863. His wife was Nancy F. Harris, who was born in Hanover county, Virginia, and died in 1872.

Dr. Edgar C. Anderson was the seventh of the eight children in his parents' family. He was reared in Christian county, and his first schooling was under George P. Street, and from there he went to Emi-

nence College in Henry county, Kentucky. He graduated from the Louisville Medical College in 1879, and then located at Newstead, where he was successfully engaged in practice until 1895, in which year he located in Hopkinsville, where he has built up a representative practice and gained the confidence of the people by his ability and winning manners. In the year before locating in Hopkinsville he attended the Post-Graduate school in New York for four months, and thus equipped himself further by theoretical demonstration and study for the great work which he had undertaken.

Dr. Anderson was married in 1895 to Mrs. Susan S. Jones, of Hopkinsville, who died in November, 1896, without leaving issue. July 15, 1901, he was married to S. Belle Moore, of Hopkinsville. Dr. Anderson was bereaved of his second wife on January 30, 1902, and he has enjoyed married life altogether but one year and eight months. He is a prominent member and deacon of the Christian church, and in every public-spirited enterprise performs the part of a good citizen.

SAMUEL CASEY HUGHES.

Samuel Casey Hughes, of Morganfield, was born in Union county, July 5, 1826, and spent his entire life there. His parents were James and Rachel L. (Givens) Hughes, and his grandparents were Edward and Letitia (Reed) Hughes. His father served in the war of 1812, and for many years was clerk in the county and circuit courts in Washington county, Kentucky.

Samuel C. Hughes began his education in the common schools of Morganfield, which was afterward continued in St. Mary's College, of Marion county, Kentucky. He also spent two years in study in the

Transylvania University, of Lexington, Kentucky, and read law under the instructions of his uncle, Willis G. Hughes. In 1856 he was admitted to the bar and for many years was an active practitioner in Morganfield. He was especially successful as a criminal lawyer. He was a forceful speaker whose earnestness never failed to impress his hearers, while his masterful arrangement of the evidence and logical statement seldom failed to carry conviction to the minds of the judge or jury. As judge he performed his duties with a dignity that upheld the majesty of the law, while his fairness won him the unqualified commendation of the public.

Mr. Hughes married Miss Judith Martin, of Union county, a daughter of Husdon and Elizabeth Martin, both natives of Kentucky.

HOWARD BOONE DOUTHIT.

Howard Boone Douthit, a successful tobacconist and dealer in coal at Mayfield, Graves county, although not a native of this state, has lived here nearly all his life, and has been thoroughly identified with the tobacco and business interests of western Kentucky. He began dealing in the fragrant weed on a small scale, but his business has grown to considerable proportions, and, together with his trade in coal, gives him a place among the largest business men of Mayfield. He has also done considerable tobacco farming, and all his endeavors have returned him good rewards.

Mr. Douthit is the son of Samuel and Margaret (Pepper) Douthit, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of South Carolina. Samuel Douthit enjoyed a fair common school education, and devoted his life to agriculture and cotton-raising, in South Carolina for the

greater part of the time. He had a genius at mechanics, and was the inventor of a plow for cultivating cotton which was in use for many years throughout the cotton states, and its name is still remembered by old cotton men. He moved from South Carolina to Kentucky in 1869, and lived the rest of his life in Graves county, where he died March 12, 1874, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife survived him over twenty years, and died in Lynnville, Kentucky, in July, 1895, aged sixty-five. Samuel Douthit was a private in the Confederate army during the Civil war. He was a stanch Democrat, and was held in high regard in every community where he made his home on account of his excellent qualities of heart and mind. The following children were born to him and his excellent wife: Mary Josephine, the wife of Dr. R. A. Brown, of Cuba, Kentucky; James Washington, of Texas; Anna, who married Virgil Davis; Lawrence J., of Graves county; Sallie, who married R. D. Emerson; Samuel R., of Mayfield, Kentucky; Emma, the wife of P. O. S. Howard; Howard Boone; and Robert Lee Douthit, of Missouri.

Howard Boone Douthit was born November 25, 1868, in Mississippi, during a brief residence of his parents in that state. He was shortly afterward brought to Graves county, Kentucky, where he was reared and given his education in the public schools. He also attended Mayfield College, from which he was graduated in 1893. His boyhood was spent on the home farm, and he learned the details of farming, but he began his business career as a buyer in tobacco, and it is in this line where he has made his principal success. This business has been built up from small beginnings, and is now firmly established on a prosperous footing. In 1902 he added coal dealing to his interests, and has also raised tobacco with employed labor.

Mr. Douthit is and always has been a Democrat, but with no aspirations toward political preferment. He is a member of the Christian church and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On February 14, 1895, he was married to Miss Susan Delong Andrus, a native of Graves county, and they have had four children: Vera, who died at the age of five months; Olea Christine, Leslie and Slayden D. Mr. and Mrs. Douthit are popular members of Mayfield society, and their home is one of the happiest in the city.

RICHARD E. KELLY.

Richard E. Kelly, who has been prominent in the farming interests of Fulton county, Kentucky, for nearly a quarter of a century, is a native Kentuckian and a gentleman of all the graces and genial characteristics of the typical men of that Blue Grass commonwealth. In his younger years he was engaged in business in the state, but since has been a prosperous representative of the agricultural interests. The success which has come to him has been well deserved, for he began the battle of life early and has been a hard worker ever since. In his relations with his fellow men he has gained the reputation for solid integrity and unimpeachable honesty that are the best adornments for any man's life. While the best years and efforts of his career have been devoted to gaining an honorable place in the world and a fair degree of material prosperity, he has also been attentive to the public welfare, and his ballot and influence have been cast on the side of progress and civic good. In his home, which is for all men the source of their best life and for whose welfare they give their best efforts, he has also good reason to be proud,

for he has a family of bright young men and women, several of whom are already equipped, through their parents' care and wise provision, for the battle of life and give promise of useful and honorable careers.

R. E. Kelly was born in Calloway county, Kentucky, January 28, 1850. His father, R. T. Kelly, was a native of Virginia; came to Kentucky in early life, was one of a family of thirteen, seven sons and six daughters, who settled in Warren county, Kentucky, near Bowling Green and engaged in farming. He was married to a Miss Price at Russellville, Kentucky, and lived there several years. He had three daughters by that union: Annie E., Martha F. and Mary J. Annie E. was married to W. L. Harding, lived in St. Louis and Kansas City, where Mr. Harding died, and lives now in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Martha F. married W. G. Wilson, of Russellville, and Mary J. married a farmer in Logan county, Kentucky. After the death of his first wife R. T. Kelly came, in 1847, to Wadesboro in Calloway county and engaged in the mercantile business and buying tobacco. He was married to R. E. Kelly's mother, in that year. She was a widow at that time. She had married a Mr. Thompson and had one daughter, Lucy G. R. T. Kelly, lived about two and a half years and died in January, 1850. R. E. Kelly's mother was a daughter of Henry Brown, who was also a native of Virginia; and had settled near Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he married, then moved to a farm near Wadesboro in Calloway county, at which place Mr. Kelly's mother was born. Mr. Brown reared eight children, four sons and four daughters, and died in 1849. His wife, Mrs. Sallie Brown, was a daughter of Edmund Card, who was the government land agent for the Kentucky Purchase, with his office at old Wadesboro, where he lived until the land was taken up and the county divided into several smaller counties, after which he settled in the town of Murray,

where he died. He was one of the very first settlers in western Kentucky, owned large tracts of land—over one hundred quarter sections according to the original entry, one of which is now Mr. Kelly's home, and which has never passed out of the family, but has been handed down from one generation to another. Mr. Kelly's mother was married to Mr. C. Owen, of New Concord, Kentucky, in 1856, and they had five children. All died but two, William C. and J. E., who are now merchants at Murray, Kentucky, and Buffalo, Kentucky. Both are married and have families, three children each. His mother died in 1892 at the age of sixty-five.

Mr. Kelly enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the schools of Murray, Kentucky, and of Eastman's Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, New York. After leaving school he became a clerk in the dry-goods store of his step-father at New Concord, Kentucky. He remained at that occupation two years, was in the lumber business one year, was a tobacco salesman in the state of Mississippi three years, and leaving that state returned to New Concord, the old home, and went into the dry-goods business at that place for two years. He closed that out and turned his attention to farming, near New Concord and remained at that place five years, and in the fall of 1880 he located on the farm in Fulton county, Kentucky, which has been his home since that time, nearly a quarter of a century.

March 31, 1874, Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Almeda A. Guerrant, daughter of Peter M. and Maria L. Guerrant, formerly of Danville, Virginia, but later a farmer near Fulton, Kentucky. Mr. Guerrant died in July, 1903. Mr. Kelly and his wife have seven children: Edward O. Guerrant, the oldest, is a student at Kentucky State College at Lexington, Kentucky; William Cobb Kelly was a cadet at the United

States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1902, and is now finishing his education at Lexington, Kentucky; Richard Henry is taking the mechanical engineering course at the State College at Lexington; Mary L., Ed Brown, John Porter, and Carl D. are being educated in the Fulton schools. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and are stanch Democrats.

GABRIEL J. PURYEAR.

Gabriel J. Puryear is still one of the active and enterprising farmers of Graves county, Kentucky, notwithstanding the sixty-five milestones which he has passed on his life's journey. He has had a useful and worthy career, and is honored in his community not only for his present capable performance of the duties of citizenship but also for the part he has taken in the past as a patriotic citizen and a diligent worker in his private life. He was a Confederate soldier in his youth, but continually since that great conflict has followed the pursuit of farming, with such success that he is now in the front rank of agriculturists in Graves county.

Mr. Puryear, like so many of the inhabitants of Kentucky, was born in North Carolina, Person county, on Christmas day, 1837, the son of Harmon and Nancy (Ford) Puryear, who were also natives of the Old North state, and the former is now living at the age of ninety-two, and the latter died when fifty-two years old. Mr. Puryear was brought to Christian county, Kentucky, in 1839 to Trigg county, and in 1851 to Graves county, which has been his permanent residence nearly all the rest of his life. He lived there engaged in the work of farming till he was twenty-seven years old, and in 1864 enlisted in the Confederate army,

in Company E, Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry, and was with the command for thirteen months, or until the close of the war. He participated in several hard battles before the great internecine struggle was brought to a close, and as part of the command of General Forrest was in the battles at Guntown and Harrisburg, Mississippi, Athens, Alabama, and Sulphur Springs and Pulaski, Tennessee. For the two years immediately following the war he lived in Christian county, Kentucky, and then entered upon his career of farming in Graves county. He now owns a farm of two hundred and seventy acres near Mayfield, and gives his personal attention to its working. He is robust and in good health, and will be able to carry on the responsibilities of life for some years yet. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never sought political favors.

In 1859 Mr. Puryear married Miss Fannie Pryor, who was the daughter of Jerry Pryor, son of Jonathan Pryor, one of the first settlers of Graves county, Kentucky. James H. Puryear, who is the oldest of the children born of this union, is a farmer and stock-raiser of Graves county; Lenna is the wife of James B. Martin, a farmer of Graves county; Cora is the wife of John Covington, a wealthy farmer of Graves county; Maggie married J. U. F. Johnson, who is a minister of the gospel and a farmer; Imogene married W. A. Martin, also a farmer in this county; Richard E. married Miss Hattie Rickmon and is a farmer in Graves county; John, who studied at the Louisville Medical College, is a practicing physician at Wingo; Samuel is a farmer in Parker county, Texas; Hattie L. is the wife of Jacob Anderson, cashier for the Southern Railroad at Greenville, Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Puryear, both in the evening of their lives, enjoy fully the respect and esteem of the community, and their activity in the past has made them entirely worthy of the confidence of all.

HARRY MORGAN STANLEY.

Harry Morgan Stanley, of Henderson, was born on the 17th of November, 1864, in Henderson county, Kentucky, a son of Nathaniel Green and Frances (Jenkins) Stanley. His father was a planter and early settler of this county, and was a representative of an old North Carolina family, whose establishment in America antedates the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Stanley-McAllister, who married a second time and is again a widow, was a resident of Buffalo, New York, where lived her father, Commodore Jenkins, an extensive owner of lake vessels, engaged in commercial and passenger service on the Great Lakes. They were descended from the Pilgrim fathers.

Mr. Stanley of this review was educated in the schools of Henderson and in his own home under private tutors. He was fitted for his professional career in Yale College and was graduated in the law department of that institution in the class of 1887, receiving the degree of LL.B. He was then admitted to the bar in New Haven, Connecticut, and upon his return to Henderson was licensed to practice in the courts of the state. In 1890 he was elected judge of the city court of Henderson and was re-elected and served in that capacity until 1894. His administration of the duties of that office included the enforcement of the city ordinances, and this task was most acceptably and faithfully performed, establishing a rule of order and producing a feeling of safety within the limits of the municipality that has made Henderson one of the most charming cities of the state. The appreciation of his ability to fill that office was shown by the fact that though he would not again run for or accept the office, the mayor, though of opposite political

faith, persuaded him to accept the appointment of judge *pro tem* to act in event of the sickness, absence or disability of the judge-elect.

Mr. Stanley's practice is of a general character, including both civil and criminal litigation, and although he is one of the younger members of the bar he is reputed one of the rising attorneys of the city, highly esteemed for his sterling integrity, his industrious habits and his attention to his clients' interests, which he cares for with all the energy of youth.

He is a Democrat in politics, but prefers his profession to political office, which he has never sought, though he was the Democratic campaign chairman of his county during the national campaign of 1896, and as such did splendid work for his party. His effective work led to his election to the position of chairman of the county Democratic committee, and also of the judicial district committee. Socially he is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is also a member of the college law fraternity of Phi Delta Phi.

DR. E. A. ARNOLD.

Dr. E. A. Arnold was for a number of years a leading citizen of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and in his death the town and county lost a man of high standing in every sphere of life with which he connected himself. He was born in the state of New Hampshire in 1825, and was reared and educated there. He afterward attended Yale College, and following his graduation came to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was engaged in practice until 1861. He then joined the United States navy,

and was a surgeon on board one of the cruisers throughout the war, after which he returned to Indianapolis.

In 1865 he married Miss Caroline F. Webber, who was born and reared and educated in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Her father, Dr. Augustus Webber, was a pioneer of Christian county. He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1795, and was reared there until he was about twenty-five years old. He was graduated from the medical department of Georgetown University and settled in Christian county about 1818. He grew up with the town of Hopkinsville, and all citizens had confidence in his professional ability and respected him for his substantial qualities of citizenship. He was married in Nashville, Tennessee, to Miss Nancy Tennihill, who was born, reared and educated in that state. After their marriage they returned to Hopkinsville and made that their permanent home. They were the parents of fourteen children: Ann, deceased; Charles W., deceased; four who died in infancy; Elizabeth, deceased; Julia, deceased; Katherine; Augustine, deceased; Mary, deceased; Mrs. Arnold; William, deceased; Ada. All were born and reared in Christian county. Dr. Webber was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a very busy man in his profession. He died in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1875. He was a member of the Baptist church and took an active part in its work, having organized the present church of that denomination at Hopkinsville, of which he was a member for over fifty years.

Dr. Arnold went to Iowa and began practice in Cedar Falls. After he had been there three years he was stricken with paralysis, and was then compelled to travel for his health. He afterward located at Vincennes, Indiana, and practiced there almost a year before death overtook him, in 1883, from the effects of the stroke. Dr. and Mrs. Arnold were

the parents of four children, Mary, Julia, Ada and Edward, all of whom are deceased except Julia, who has been teaching in the Hopkinsville high school for twelve years. All the children were born in Illinois.

After her husband's death Mrs. Arnold spent most of her time in the east and in Illinois. She came to Hopkinsville in 1886 and bought a house and lot on Main street, where she has made her home ever since. She and her husband had lived for a number of years in this city, and he was for ten years head clerk in the Hopkinsville City Bank.

JUDGE W. T. FOWLER.

Judge W. T. Fowler, judge of Christian county, residing at Hopkinsville, was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, October 2, 1873. His father, Daniel E. Fowler, was a native of Tennessee, and a farmer by occupation. He came to Kentucky when a boy and located with his parents in Caldwell county. He married Mary Eison, a native of Hopkins county, Kentucky, and they are both living and reside in Christian county, near Hopkinsville. They were parents of six children, three sons and three daughters: W. T., the eldest; Leonard E., a druggist of Hopkinsville; Frances, wife of W. J. Murphy, a merchant; and Nannie, Maud and Lucian.

Judge Fowler was reared in Christian county. He attended the public schools of Princeton and the normal school at Huntingdon, Tennessee, and taught school until he was twenty-one years old. He had in the meanwhile studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1894. He was then associated in practice with Judge James Breathitt until he was elected to the bench. He was elected judge of Christian county

at the November election of 1901, on the Republican ticket. He is a stanch Republican, and has taken active part in the campaigns, especially the one in 1898. He is one of the trustees of the State College at Lexington, and a director of the Bank of Hopkinsville, and is also interested in real estate in Hopkinsville. He is one of the best known of the young attorneys of western Kentucky, and has gained a fine reputation for legal learning and ability as a jurist and member of the bar and bench. The firm of Breathitt and Fowler have a large patronage, and have the legal business of the Illinois Central Railroad in this portion of the state.

On July 6, 1896, Judge Fowler was married to Miss Ila Earle, a daughter of Dr. Benjamin P. Earle, a prominent physician of Hopkins county, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have two sons, William Earle and George L.

WALTER F. GARNETT.

Walter F. Garnett, who is engaged in the fire and life insurance business in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was born in Montgomery county, Tennessee, January 8, 1849, and is the second son and second child of James T. and Mary E. (Fauntleroy) Garnett, whose history is given on other pages of this work in connection with the life of J. F. Garnett, a brother of Walter F. Garnett.

Walter F. Garnett was about four years old when he came to Christian county, Kentucky, and was reared on a farm. He attended a private school and also the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where was graduated in 1872. For the following six years he was engaged as a clerk in the stores of Hopkinsville, and

then went into the mercantile business on his own account. He also served as tax collector for the city for about six years. In 1882 he took up the insurance business with the New York Life, and since then has added fire insurance, representing about nine companies, and also sells stocks and bonds.

Mr. Garnett married Miss Mary Wallace, a daughter of James A. and Cornelia (Gant) Wallace. She was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Seven children, three sons and four daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Garnett: Leslie, in partnership with his father in the insurance business; Susan W.; Mary F.; Wallace F.; Lydabel; Frances, and Joseph. Mr. Garnett has always been an adherent of Democratic principles, but in 1896 left the Bryan wing of the party and allied himself with the Gold Democrats. He is a member of the Baptist church. He has lived nearly all his life in Christian county, and is one of the best known business men of the western part of the state.

GEORGE D. DALTON.

George D. Dalton, of the firm of Dalton Brothers, brick manufacturers and builders in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, has been connected with these interests in this city for over twenty years, and has a reputation among his fellow citizens for thorough reliability, integrity and business enterprise. He was born in Robertson county, Tennessee, June 19, 1861.

His father, S. W. Dalton, was born in Logan county, Kentucky, near the Tennessee line, and was a prominent brick manufacturer in Springfield, Tennessee. He came to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1882,

and engaged in the manufacture of brick, which he continued till his death in May, 1892. He was a prosperous and energetic business man, and popular among all citizens. He was a member of the Baptist church. His wife was Sarah Jane Mason, a native of Robertson county, Tennessee, and she is still living, at the age of seventy. They were parents of nine children, six of whom are living: Minnie, the wife of G. H. Holman, of Springfield, Tennessee; George D.; Thomas M., in partnership with George D.; Nora, the wife of G. H. Davis, a contractor of Hopkinsville; Hilliard M., a stone-crusher; and Garner E., of Hopkinsville.

George D. Dalton, the next to the oldest in the family, was reared in Tennessee until he was twenty-one years old. He attended school at Springfield, and then learned the business of his father. He came with the latter to Hopkinsville in 1882, and they were associated together until the latter's death. He and his brother Thomas then assumed the business, and are now carrying it on successfully and on a large scale. They employ about eighty men, and do building and contracting of all kinds, manufacturing at their plant their own building material.

Mr. Dalton was married in December, 1888, to Miss Ada Meacham, a native of Christian county and a daughter of F. S. Meacham. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton have no children. He is well known throughout the county, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. He owns a farm in the county and manages this in addition to his other interests. He is a Democrat in politics, and served on the city council for eight years. Mr. Dalton has the reputation of being the most successful business man in the town, and he has deserved all he has won. His brother attends to the outside work of the firm, while he looks after

the business end. In 1889 he built one of the finest residences in the city, which is modern in all its parts, and is a most beautiful home for himself and wife.

DR. JOHN A. GUNN.

Dr. John A. Gunn, one of the foremost physicians of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was born in Person county, North Carolina, July 30, 1840. The family originated in Scotland, and members on both the paternal and maternal sides of the house were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The earliest ancestor of the Gunns came from Scotland and settled in Virginia in the eighteenth century. Daniel B. Gunn, the father of Dr. Gunn, was born in North Carolina, and was a physician of excellent ability and standing. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and was a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He practiced in North Carolina for a time, then moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, and practiced in the state until 1855, when he removed to Brandon, Mississippi, where he died in 1889. He married Eliza H. Brandon, whose grandfather was a colonel in the Revolutionary war. She was a well educated lady, a graduate of the Moravian College at Salem, North Carolina, and taught school in Alabama.

Dr. John A. Gunn was the oldest of five children. At the age of nine years he was taken by his parents to Yanceyville, North Carolina, about a year later to Tuskegee, Alabama, and at the age of fifteen to Brandon, Mississippi, so that his youth was passed in various places and under various conditions. Most of his early education was obtained from his mother. He was graduated in 1858 from the Brandon high school, of which Colonel Luke W. Findlay was principal, who is still living and one of the prominent citizens of the state. For a time after

graduation from high school he was subscription clerk in a drug store and assisted his father. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Captain Robert Smith's company of Mississippi Confederate Infantry. Captain Smith was afterward promoted to colonel and was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro. Mr. Gunn's time expired just before the battle of Shiloh, but he re-enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Mississippi Infantry, under Colonel W. B. Shelby, and was in camp at Jackson. He was in the battle of Corinth, and was besieged at Port Hudson from May 27 to July 9, 1863, being lieutenant at the time. He was taken prisoner at the surrender of Port Hudson, and was held in prison for twenty-three months, for eighteen months being on Johnson Island, and during his period of captivity was in six different prisons. He was paroled in the spring of 1865, and while at Point Lookout Lincoln was assassinated. For thirteen months he was physician at the city hospital in Vicksburg, having studied medicine at the time but was not yet a graduate. From there he attended the medical department of the University of Louisiana during the session of 1866-7, and then entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in the spring of 1868. He then came to Christian county, Kentucky, and for the following eighteen years was in practice in Casky. He came to Hopkinsville in 1886, and has been one of the successful and well known practitioners of this place ever since.

Dr. Gunn married Miss Anna Kelley, a daughter of Dr. R. H. Kelley, of Hopkinsville, and they have become the parents of five children: Henry, deceased; Caroletta, at home; Florida, the wife of T. S. Gant; Ethel; John A., Jr., in business. Dr. Gunn is a member of the Episcopal church, and in politics is a Democrat, but always votes for the man he thinks best fitted for the place.

DR. JAMES A. YOUNG.

Dr. James A. Young, a prominent and highly successful physician of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was born in Bethany, Brooke county, West Virginia, May 16, 1846, of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, Martin Young, was a native of Kentucky, and was a farmer, miller and distiller and a prominent man in his community and time. His son, Rev. James A. Young, was born in Logan county, Kentucky. He was educated for the ministry and graduated from Bethany College, West Virginia, and died before reaching his prime, while serving a pastorate of the Christian church in Tennessee. He married Ellen Douglas Kerr, a native of county Down, Ireland, whence she came to America in youth. Her father, Rev. W. Kerr, was a minister of the Presbyterian church for about fifty years. Rev. James A. Young and wife had but one child, the subject of this biography, and the latter's mother was later married to Dr. D. J. Gesh, by whom she had two daughters.

Dr. James A. Young was about five years old when he came to Christian county, Kentucky. He attended the Hopkinsville Academy and later was a student in Bethany College and the Kentucky University. He gained his professional education in the Ohio Medical College and in the Hahnemann school at Philadelphia, being graduated from the latter in 1867. He practiced in Paducah for five years, and for over thirty years has been the honored practitioner to many a household of Hopkinsville.

Dr. Young was married in 1870 to Miss Kate Long, a daughter of G. B. Long, of the prominent and well known family of Longs. She was reared and educated in Hopkinsville and is a graduate of South

Kentucky College. Mr. and Mrs. Young have three children living: Ellen, assistant principal of the Corydon high school; James A., Jr., assistant cashier of the City Bank; Daniel, connected with the railroad service. The daughters Martha and Fanny are deceased. Dr. Young is a member of the leading homeopathic medical societies, associations and institutes in this section of the country, and keeps himself abreast of the progress of the times by means of these agencies and of constant reading and study. He is also assistant professor of diseases of children in the Southwestern Homeopathic College at Louisville. He affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and is a Mason. He is a member of the Christian church, and a stanch Republican.

LEMUEL R. DAVIS.

Lemuel R. Davis, sheriff of Christian county, Kentucky, was born in this county, November 17, 1869, and by his excellent qualities of citizenship and ability has honored the county as it has honored him. His father, William Davis, was born in Tennessee, and came to Christian county about 1865. He is now seventy-four years of age and a resident of Paducah, Kentucky. He has followed the various occupations of farmer, carpenter, blacksmith and sawmill man, and has been an industrious and esteemed man wherever he has gone. His wife was Sarah Lawrence, also a native of Tennessee, and she is still living. They were the parents of nine children, and seven are living at the present time.

Lemuel R. Davis, the youngest of the family, was reared in Christian county and received a common school education. He was in business in Crofton, Christian county, for about ten years, and in 1900 sold

out. In the following year he was elected sheriff of the county by a nice majority, and then moved to Hopkinsville, where he now makes his residence. He is an efficient and popular officer of the law, and has a reputation for courage and firmness and readiness of resource in every emergency.

Mr. Davis was married in 1890 to Miss Emma L. Ebling, who was born in Christian county, a daughter of William Ebling, an old settler of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have four children, Mamie, Parten, Stark and Pearl. Mr. Davis is a stanch and active Republican in politics. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; he has been especially prominent with the Masons, having filled all the chairs of the blue lodge, and he is now a Knight Templar. The shrievalty in this county also implies two other offices, that of county and state collector and that of county treasurer, and he is performing the duties of them all with marked ability. He is a church member and active and public-spirited in all matters pertaining to the general welfare and good.

JUDGE JOE McCARROLL.

Judge Joe McCarroll, a prominent attorney of Hopkinsville, and a representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Christian county, was born in Christian county, Kentucky, April 6, 1848. His grandfather was Dr. John McCarroll, a native of Maryland and a surgeon in the war of 1812, and was one of the earliest settlers of Hopkinsville, where he practiced for many years. He died during the progress of the Civil war, and at an advanced age. He was

of Scotch origin. His son, Charles A. McCarroll, was born in Hopkinsville, September 16, 1818, and is still living, having been a bank clerk, a hotel man and a farmer. He married Eloma Ellis, who was a native of Virginia and was brought in childhood to Hopkinsville by her parents, Nichols M. and Mary (Gunn) Ellis, the latter a member of the celebrated Gunn family of North Carolina. The wife of Charles A. McCarroll died at the age of sixty-seven years, in 1893. She was of English ancestry. She was the mother of two children: Mary E., the wife of George B. Starling, of Christian county, and Joe.

Joe McCarroll, the elder child of his parents, was reared in Christian county and educated in the country and in the private schools of Hopkinsville. He taught school two years from his eighteenth year, and in the meantime employed his leisure time in the study of law. He then entered the law department of the University of Louisville, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1873. Since that date he has been constantly in practice in Hopkinsville, and has enjoyed thirty years of ever increasing success. He was elected judge of the criminal court of Hopkinsville, and during several terms has sat as special judge of the circuit court.

Judge McCarroll is a prominent member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, and has filled all the chairs in the same. He was married in 1880 to Miss Mary T. Holloway, a native of Henderson county, Kentucky, and a daughter of John G. and Laura (Smith) Holloway. Mr. and Mrs. McCarroll have four living sons, Charles, Joe, Jr., Robert H. and William S. Three children died in youth, and the eldest son, John, died at the age of nineteen, in October, 1902. Judge McCarroll has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, since boyhood, and has been an official of the same since 1871.

He is a Cleveland Democrat, and for many years has been known as one of the leading lawyers of western Kentucky. For the past eleven years he has been a local member of the law department of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

J. B. ALLENSWORTH.

J. B. Allensworth, of the firm of Landes and Allensworth, is a leading attorney of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and has won his position at the bar of his native state by his talents and enterprising ability. He was born in Todd county, Kentucky, November 16, 1859, a son of Phillip B. and Hannah M. (Ferguson) Allensworth. The latter was a daughter of Robert Ferguson, one of the pioneer preachers in the Christian church, and he had three sons, Robert, John and Jesse B., who were all ministers of the same denomination. Jesse was especially prominent during the war, to which he was opposed, although he joined the cause when war came on. He rallied many soldiers to the flag of the Confederacy. He was an exceedingly able man intellectually as well, and wrote four religious books which had a wide circulation and were authorities on their specific subject matter. The father of Phillip Allensworth was one of the first settlers of Todd county, Kentucky, and the latter and his wife were both natives of Virginia and came thence to Kentucky when about sixteen years old.

J. B. Allensworth was the fourth of seven children, four sons and three daughters. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and remained there until he was about twenty-four years old. He attended the country schools, and later entered the law school at Lebanon, Tennessee, where he was graduated, and soon afterward was admitted to

the bar at Elkton, Kentucky. He carried on practice in the latter place about four years, and then took up his residence in Hopkinsville, where he has remained ever since. He was elected city attorney and served for four years. He formed his partnership with Judge Landes in 1898 and the firm has enjoyed a representative and liberal patronage in the general law.

Mr. Allensworth was married to Miss Eva Robb, of Fayette, Kentucky, and a daughter of Dr. Joseph Robb, of that place. They have three children, Margaret, Lucy and Robb. Mr. Allensworth affiliates with the Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the Christian church. He is an active partisan of the Democratic party, and a few years ago was candidate for the district judgeship, but withdrew his name before the election. He is a ready and forcible stump speaker, and as such has been valuable in the various campaigns. He is well known and popular in the county, and has promise of much accomplishment in the future.

GEORGE W. WOOD.

George W. Wood, of Hopkinsville, is not only one of the oldest living native sons of Christian county, but is a member of the family which can claim priority of settlement on the present site of the city of Hopkinsville. George W. Wood was born in Christian county, Kentucky, in the city of Hopkinsville, February 23, 1825, so that he has nearly reached the eightieth milestone on his life's journey.

His grandfather, Bartholomew Wood, was a native of South Carolina, whence he moved to Tennessee, and about 1796 came to Christian county, Kentucky, being the first man to locate where Hop-

kinsville now stands. He first stopped at the river about one mile from this place, and carried all his property over on horseback, even taking his wagon apart and bringing things piece by piece. He discovered the spring now known as Rock Spring, and there pitched his tent, which was his first home. About a half a mile from this spot he found another spring, and here he built a log house and made the first improvements upon his farm. He took up land from the government, and upon his land the first houses of Hopkinsville were built, but the settlement was then called Elizabethtown, named by himself. His was the first house of the town. He was a great Nimrod, and was in his favorite element during the earlier years when all kinds of game animals were to be found in the vicinity, besides the barbarous humans in the shape of Indians. One of his sons was the first white child born in Christian county. Grandfather Wood afterwards returned to Tennessee, where he died, but his remains rest at Hopkinsville. His wife spent her last days in Christian county and died at the home of her son, Bartholomew.

Bartholomew Wood, the father of George W. Wood, is supposed to have been born in South Carolina and was twelve years old when he came to Christian county. After reaching manhood he bought his father's property at Hopkinsville. He was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the first county clerks. He also ran a hotel in Hopkinsville for about three years. He lived to be seventy-eight years old. His wife was Nancy Saffren, a native of Virginia and the daughter of John Saffren, who was one of the early settlers of Christian county. She lived to be about sixty-five years old, and was the mother of eleven children, all of whom reached maturity, as follows: Patsy, deceased; Sevier, deceased; Hardin, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Caroline, de-

ceased; George, mentioned below; John, a resident of Christian county; Cynthia, deceased; Lizzie, the wife of D. M. Taylor, of Hopkinsville; Dr. B. S. Wood, deceased; and Miss Susan.

George W. Wood was reared and educated in Christian county, and has made this the scene of his life with the exception of about seven years. He went to Texas in 1886 and was in the milling business for a time, and then bought a farm near Fort Scott, Kansas, where he carried on general farming for six years, after which he returned to Hopkinsville for a visit; while here his wife died, and he then sold his Kansas farm and remained in his native town and county. He bought a livery business in Hopkinsville, which he conducted for five years, and then sold it and bought a farm one mile and a half west of town, fifty acres of which he still owns, having disposed of fifty acres.

Mr. Wood was married in 1848 to Miss Mary Steele, who was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, and died in 1893, having been the mother of five children: Mary, deceased; George, a resident of Missouri; James, deceased; Nannie, the wife of W. D. Ennis, of Hopkinsville; Susan, wife of Michael Erskin, of Texas. Mr. Wood is a lifelong Democrat, and is a member of the Methodist church of Hopkinsville.

No other family in Christian county is better known than the Wood family, nor any more closely identified with the making and development of the county. Grandfather Wood gave four acres for the public square of Hopkinsville; three acres for a cemetery and Baptist church, which is one of the old landmarks, and one acre for school buildings. He also gave the half-acre about Rock Spring, and by these donations brought the town to the present site of Hopkinsville. The name of the city was changed from Elizabethtown to Hopkinsville in

honor of a later settler by the name of Hopkins. Mr. Wood recalls the interesting scenes of an election in those days. At that time an election lasted for three days, and everybody from all the country round came to the town by every known conveyance and made the occasion a holiday and celebration that could never be forgotton by anyone who had ever witnessed it.

R. U. KEVIL.

R. U. Kevil, one of the native sons of Caldwell county, Kentucky, has been a prominent citizen, farmer and business man of the same for a number of years, and few enjoy a better reputation for ability and general popularity than he. He was born on a farm August 28, 1845, and represents one of the oldest families in the county. His great-grandfather, of Scotch descent, came from North Carolina to Kentucky as a pioneer, when all the country was wild and abounding with Indians and wild animals. His son Thomas was born in North Carolina and was but a child when he was brought to Caldwell county. He was a farmer by occupation, and died on the farm on which he had been reared.

James E. Kevil, the father of R. U. Kevil, was born in Caldwell county about 1822, and passed all his life there, living to the age of seventy-six years. He married Nancy Bell, who was born in Ireland and came to America with her mother when sixteen years old. She is still living at the age of seventy-eight years, and has been the mother of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, all of whom reached their majority and seven are still living.

R. U. Kevil, the second child and son, was reared on the home farm,

where he was taught the value of independent and honest toil, and received a common school education. He remained at home until his marriage on July 19, 1865, when Miss Laura Holloway became his wife. She was born in Lyon county, Kentucky, a daughter of Robert and Catherine (Boyd) Holloway, and was reared in her native county. Mr. and Mrs. Kevil have six children: J. R.; Alva, wife of W. H. Patrick, of Evansville, Indiana; Laban; Catherine, wife of Charles S. Thomas, a prominent business man of Chicago; Birdie, wife of George Pettit, Jr., of Princeton; and J. U., of Franklin, Indiana.

After his marriage Mr. Kevil located on a farm in Caldwell county, and afterward bought the old homestead, where he was engaged in farming and stock-raising. At the same time he was interested in milling, having built a mill in Trigg county in 1871 and owning a share in it. He sold this in 1875, and bought an interest in the Banner mill in Princeton. He disposed of this in 1883 and then purchased the Princeton Roller Mills, which he has been successfully conducting ever since. He tore down the old mill in 1885 and rebuilt an entirely new and modern plant, equipped with all up-to-date contrivances and machinery, and to show how progressive he is he again remodeled and rebuilt in 1895, having now a mill of two hundred barrels' daily capacity and perfect in all its departments. It is the largest mill in the county, and has a large trade in all directions. Mr. Kevil has a farm in Ballard county, Kentucky, on which a town has been established and named Kevil in his honor. It is located on the Illinois Central Railroad, and is a growing place. He also owns a plantation of seven hundred acres on the Illinois Central in Tallahatchie county, Mississippi, and in Caldwell county has a fine farm of two hundred and sixty-eight acres, one of the finest in the county. All this indicates

how successful he has been in his business operations, and it is the more creditable because he has won it all by his own efforts, studious attention to business and good and diligent management.

Mr. Kevil has been a life-long Democrat, and was a private soldier under General Forrest during the war of the Rebellion. He is a prominent Royal Arch Mason, and in every relation that he has with society in general is influential and progressive and held in universal esteem. The Kevils have resided in this part of Kentucky for over a hundred years, and they are well known all over western Kentucky.

ABRAM KOLTINSKY.

Abram Koltinsky, a prominent wholesale and retail grocer of Princeton, Kentucky, was born at St. Louis, Missouri, September 18, 1856. His father, Solomon Koltinsky, was a native of Russian Poland, and settled in St. Louis. Abram moved with his parents to Kentucky when he was about nine years old, in 1865, and was reared in the towns of Cairo and Pooles Mill. He lived at home until November 1, 1878, on which date he came to Princeton and engaged in the grocery business in partnership with S. Koltinsky. Two years later he bought out his partner, and since that time has been running the business by himself. He has increased his trade and enlarged his stock in proportion, and now conducts one of the largest wholesale and retail grocery establishments in this part of the state. He bought his present large store in 1902, and has made many improvements, bringing everything up to date and always endeavoring to please the people and furnish a stock of the best and freshest goods.

Mr. Koltinsky married Miss Emma Kaufman, who was born and

reared in Louisville, Kentucky, a daughter of S. Kaufman. They are the parents of four sons and one daughter, Samuel, Roy, Edwin, Claude and Rosa. Mr. Koltinsky is prominent in Masonry, and affiliates with Clinton Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M., and with the chapter in Princeton; and with the Knights of Honor, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a public-spirited citizen, with mind and heart devoted to the good of his community, and in his family and among his business associates he is beloved and esteemed for his worth and excellent traits of character.

W. A. JAMES.

W. A. James, a retired merchant of Princeton, Kentucky, is one of the oldest citizens of the town, and has a life record of unusual interest and filled with honorable and effective endeavors. He was born in Morganfield, Union county, Kentucky, August 6, 1821. His father, Hon. Thomas James, was also a native of Kentucky and of English descent. He was a farmer and politician, and served in the legislature on the Democratic side for twenty-four years, and was also in the constitutional convention of 1849, so that he spent twenty-five winters away from home. He was one of the leading men of the state, and exerted a wide and beneficial influence in legislation and other affairs during his long life of seventy years. He died in Memphis, Tennessee, whither he had moved after retiring from politics. His wife was born near Frankfort, Kentucky, and lived to be fifty-five years old. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom reached majority.

W. A. James, the second child and son, was taken in infancy to

the Jackson Purchase in Hickman county, and was reared there and received some of his education in Missouri and Tennessee. He entered upon his business career at the age of seventeen by selling goods as a clerk, and afterwards engaged in general mercantile business on his own account in middle Tennessee. He has also carried on business in Missouri and Ohio, having been located in Cincinnati for about eight years. He was in business in Princeton, Kentucky, for some years, and in 1900 returned to this city permanently. He has had a business career of forty-nine years, and has well earned his retirement and rest.

Mr. James married a daughter of John C. Collier, and they have three children living: J. E., the wife of Judge Caton, of Dexter, Missouri; John T., in the railroad business in Chicago; and W. A., the wife of John G. Orr. Mr. James is a Democrat in politics, but has never taken an active part because of his devotion to business and domestic affairs. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for many years, and affiliates with the Masonic order. He is a representative and well known citizen of western Kentucky.

JOHN BOYD.

John Boyd, ex-county sheriff of Lyon county and mayor of Eddyville, was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, May 10, 1832. His grandfather, of Irish descent, was a native of Virginia, and his father, John Boyd, was also a native of that state, and came in boyhood to Kentucky, being reared in Barren county. He was a farmer by occupation, and settled in Caldwell county, where he reared his family, and afterward moved to Lyon county, where he died at the age of seventy years. He was a member of the Baptist church. He married Mildred

Goodall, a native of Lyon county and a daughter of John Goodall, who was a Kentucky pioneer. She lived to the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of twelve children, all but one of whom grew up, but only three are living: James, of Eddyville; Mary, the widow of Jacob Young, of Eddyville; and John.

John Boyd, the seventh child and fifth son of his parents, was reared in Caldwell county for the first fifteen years of his life, spending that time on a farm and in the country schools. He then went to Pittsfield, Pike county, Illinois, where he attended school and remained about five years. He then returned to Lyon county and clerked in a dry-goods store at Eddyville, until 1861. He was appointed deputy sheriff in that year, and after three years' faithful service in that capacity was elected, in 1864, sheriff of Lyon county, receiving a re-election in 1866, so that he served the full period limited by law in that office, and gave the people one of the most satisfactory administrations ever known. In 1873 and in 1875 he was again elected to this responsible position, which shows how well the citizens appreciated his former services. While not in office he has been engaged in various lines of business, and has been a successful and enterprising man. In 1893 he was elected mayor of Eddyville for a term of four years, and was re-elected for a similar term. He did much for municipal improvement and progress during his tenure of the chief executive position, and his administration is remembered as connected with much benefit to the town.

Mr. Boyd was married in 1872 to Mrs. Elizabeth (Gracey) Henry, the widow of Uriah Henry. She was born in Eddyville, a daughter of Matthew and Maria Gracey, pioneers of Lyon county. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have two daughters, Maria and Bessie, both at home. Mr. Boyd

owns a farm of two hundred acres, and he is still engaged in the management of this property, although he has given up the more strenuous labor of his earlier years, being now enabled to enjoy a fitting repose from toil. He has been a life-long Democrat, and is well known and popular in the county where he has spent nearly all his life.

DR. D. J. TRAVIS.

Dr. D. J. Travis, a young physician of recognized skill and ability and enjoying a satisfactory and ever increasing patronage in Eddyville, Kentucky, was born in Lyon county, Kentucky, July 17, 1873. His father, D. J. Travis, was also born in Kentucky and is a farmer of Lyon county. He married Elizabeth Gray, who was born in Kentucky and died at the age of about fifty-two years. He married, after the death of his first wife, Ella Lovell. One child was born of the first marriage, and ten by the latter.

Dr. Travis, the eighth child of his parents, was born on a farm and received his first schooling in the country. He enjoyed a good public school training, and later entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, from which he was graduated in 1901. He at once located for practice in Eddyville, and has enjoyed a fair share of the professional demands and is gaining the confidence of a wide circle of households in the town and county. He is a member of the Lyon County Medical Society, of the Kentucky State Medical Association and the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society. He also affiliates with the Masonic order and has filled all the chairs of the blue lodge, and is junior warden and medical examiner of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and medical examiner of the Tribe of Ben Hur. In politics

he is a Democrat, and devotes an intelligent interest to practical affairs, although his time and endeavors are almost completely given up to his profession.

W. L. GORDON.

W. L. Gordon, a leading and prominent attorney of his native city of Madisonville, Kentucky, was born November 23, 1837. The Gordons were among the first settlers of the territory of Kentucky, contemporaries of Daniel Boone and others. William Gordon, the great-great-grandfather of W. L. Gordon, was a Scot and was beheaded after a battle in Scotland. John Gordon, the great-grandfather, was born in Scotland, was a captain of militia and was killed at the battle ever memorable in Kentucky history of Licking River, August 17, 1782. His son, John Gordon, was a native of Woodford county, Kentucky, was a surveyor and assisted in laying out and organizing Hopkins county. Ambrose G. Gordon, the father of W. L. Gordon, was born in Hopkins county, in 1803. He served as justice of the peace, and was a lawyer and prominent man. His eldest son succeeded him in practice, and was in turn succeeded by W. L. Gordon. Ambrose G. Gordon married Sarah Dobyns, who was a native of Webster county, Kentucky, but which was then Hopkins county. They were the parents of nine children, and all but one grew to manhood and womanhood, but only one lived to be over forty years of age.

W. L. Gordon, the fifth child and the only survivor, was reared and educated in Madisonville, attending the common schools. He began the study of law with his brother in 1858, and on April 13, 1859, was licensed to practice. In 1860 his brother died, and, as mentioned above, he succeeded to the business. He has been in constant practice

for over forty years, and is one of the best known as well as one of the most learned lawyers in western Kentucky. The firm of which he is the senior member are attorneys for the Illinois Central Railroad, for the Roanoke Coal Mining Company, the Fidelity Insurance Company and a number of other concerns, and they handle the largest amount of legal business of any firm in this part of the state. Mr. Gordon has been connected with some of the most important litigation before county, district and state courts, and his ability and record are conspicuous in a state noted for its bright galaxy of legal lights. During the Civil war he sided with the Union, although all his people were slaveholders and supporters of the "peculiar institution."

In February, 1860, Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Cordelia Arnold, who was born in Hopkins county and died in 1897. Her father was W. K. Arnold, and her people were early settlers of Hopkins county, coming here from Tennessee. Mr. Gordon's eldest son, William L., Jr., is a civil engineer, and is connected in a professional and business capacity with some of the leading mining companies of Hopkins county. Judge J. F. Gordon, the second son, is mentioned below. Morris C., the youngest son, is in partnership with his father. The daughter Ora is deceased. Effie is the wife of Abner Johnson; and the other daughter is the wife of Ed Thompson. Mr. Gordon was formerly a Republican in politics, but is now a self-styled Mugwump, casting his vote for the best man. He is a member of no church, but gives his influence and means for their support. He is a public-spirited and upright citizen, his many years filled with honor and esteem, and is an ornament to the county and state which gave him birth.

JUDGE J. F. GORDON.

Judge J. F. Gordon, president of the Kentucky Bank and Trust Company and otherwise prominent in business and political and social affairs in Madisonville, Hopkins county, Kentucky, was born in the city of his present residence, on December 7, 1866. He is the second son of William L. Gordon, whose history, with that of the family ancestry and other interesting information, is given above.

Judge Gordon studied law under his father's direction, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. He entered into partnership with his father under the name of Gordon and Gordon, and this relationship was continued until March, 1901, at which time Judge Gordon withdrew and associated himself with W. J. Cox, under the firm name of Cox and Gordon. January 1, 1903, he was appointed by Governor Beckham as judge of the fourth judicial district of Kentucky, and is the nominee of the Democratic party for re-election. He is the youngest circuit judge in the state, and had just passed the required age limit at the time of his appointment. At the organization of the Kentucky Bank and Trust Company in March, 1901, he was made president, and still holds that responsible position. The capital stock of the institution is fifty thousand dollars, and the other officers are W. J. Cox, vice president; P. B. Ross, cashier; C. W. Lindsay, assistant cashier; and the directors are W. J. Cox, Judge Gordon, O. L. Tinder, C. E. Martin, J. H. Laffoon and J. W. Glaton. Judge Gordon owns a farm of three hundred acres, part of which lies in the city limits of Madisonville, and he gives part of his time and attention to its management and the raising of stock. He is a thoroughgoing business man, alert and quick to seize the opportunity as it is presented, and has gained

success because he has deserved it. He is a man of great breadth of mind, and is a credit to the high judicial position which he holds.

In 1887 Judge Gordon was married to Miss Sally Pritchell, a native of Madisonville and a daughter of the late Dr. J. W. Pritchell, who occupied a prominent place in the medical fraternity of Madisonville. Judge Gordon is a past exalted ruler of the Elks. He is one of the well known Democrats of western Kentucky, and was active in party affairs before he went on the bench.

DR. C. H. LINN.

Dr. C. H. Linn, one of the leading physicians of Kuttawa, Kentucky, where he has gained a large practice and made himself a well known figure in professional circles, was born in Coles county, Illinois, near the city of Mattoon, June 30, 1862. His father, Cyrus C. Linn, was a native of Coles county, Illinois, and a farmer by occupation. During the Civil war he entered the service of his country and lost his life when he was but twenty-eight years old. His wife was Susan E. Means, a native of Paris, Illinois, and she died at the age of forty-one years.

Dr. Linn was the younger of the two sons in the family, and was educated in the common schools of Illinois. He came to Kentucky in 1878, and in 1886 took up the study of medicine with Dr. E. Purdy, of Kuttawa. He had taken a literary course in Princeton in 1881. He studied in the medical department of the University of Tennessee, and later attended the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city, from which he was graduated in 1891. He then located at Grand Rivers, Livingston county, Kentucky, and after two years located in

Kuttawa, where he has been a successful practitioner. He was a physician by state appointment at Eddyville for two years, from 1896 to 1898, and then resumed his practice in Kuttawa. He has been prominent in public affairs, and is one of the best known and most popular citizens of Lyon county.

JOHN B. BRASHER.

John B. Brasher, county clerk of Hopkins county and residing at Madisonville, was born in Christian county, Kentucky, December 29, 1853. His father, Dr. A. W. Brasher, was also a native of Christian county and was physician for the penitentiary at Eddyville. He married E. S. Causler, a native of Christian county and a daughter of Jack and Matilda Causler and a sister of Judge Polk Causler of that county. They were the parents of three children, and two are living: John B. Brasher and Mrs. Dick Bacon, the wife of the postmaster of Madisonville.

John B. Brasher, the eldest child, was reared in Christian county and was educated in the schools of the county, remaining at home until he was twenty-two years old. At the age of fifteen years he began learning the drug business, and was engaged in that line of enterprise until he was elected county clerk of Hopkins county in 1897. He took up his residence in Hopkins county in 1875, and was in the drug business at Dawson Springs for a number of years. In his election to the office of county clerk Mr. Brasher has broken two precedents of Hopkins county. He is the first man elected to that office whose previous residence had been outside the city of Madisonville, and never before did the Democratic party renominate a man for that office without opposi-

tion. He is now serving with ability and credit his second term in the office, and enjoys the esteem and good will of all citizens of the county.

J. C. MOORE.

J. C. Moore, who died on his farm four miles from Hopkinsville, January 28, 1903, was for many years one of the most esteemed citizens and successful farmers of Christian county. He was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, December 28, 1846, a son of J. C. Moore, who was also a native of Tennessee. When three years old he was brought to Kentucky by his parents, and was reared to manhood in Christian county. He received a common school education, and then devoted himself to his life work of farming. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and a stanch Democrat in politics.

Mr. Moore was married in June, 1877, to Miss Bettie Campbell, a native of Hopkinsville. Her grandfather, Ned Campbell, was one of the pioneers of Christian county, and died when a young man. His son, B. S. Campbell, was a native of Jessamine county, Kentucky, and at the age of two years came to Christian county, where he was reared and educated. He was married in Logan county to Miss Maria Starling. He was a merchant in Hopkinsville for many years, and in 1854 moved to the farm which is now owned by Mrs. Moore, and on which he died in May, 1901, at the age of eighty-nine years. He was a stanch Republican, a member of the Christian church and well known and esteemed throughout the county. Mrs. Moore was the youngest of five children, three of whom grew up. She was reared in Christian county, and graduated from the South Kentucky College at Hopkinsville. She became the mother of five children, four sons and one daughter, as

follows: Miss Mary; James C., of Evansville, Indiana; Benjamin C., at home; G. H., at home; and Milton G., at home. The family are members of the Presbyterian church in Hopkinsville. Mrs. Moore has two hundred and ninety acres in her home farm, and her son Milton is conducting it and making a success of general farming and stock-raising.

GABRIEL L. SPINK.

Gabriel L. Spink, a lumber contractor and operating a planing mill in Princeton, is one of the most honored citizens of this section of Kentucky. He was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, near Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, on March 14, 1848. His family is of English descent, and his grandfather, a native of Maryland, was one of the pioneers of Kentucky, settling on the Ohio river in Meade county.

Henry Spink, the father of Gabriel L. Spink, was born in Meade county, Kentucky, and was a farmer by occupation. He settled in Hardin county about 1825, and remained there until 1862, when he moved to Louisville. He died at the age of seventy-four years. He was a member of the Catholic church, and in politics was a Douglas Democrat, but on the breaking out of the Civil war took sides with the Union. His wife was Matilda Brewer, of English descent and of a prominent family in England. She was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, and lived to be fifty-five years old. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom reached manhood and womanhood, and all were married but two, who died in service during the Civil war.

Gabriel L. Spink was the youngest of the twelve children, and was reared on the farm in Hardin county until he was fourteen years of age. After his mother's death he went to live with his father in

Louisville, and was also in Indiana for a time. At the age of fifteen he began a partnership mercantile business in Indiana, but after a year sold out and returned to Hardin county, Kentucky, and engaged in merchandising in Colesburg with his brother. They also conducted the postoffice and express office at that place. Mr. Spink finally sold out his interest, and then learned telegraphy. He entered the general offices of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company at Louisville, and was in the employ of the company for fifteen years, serving in different capacities. In 1879 he came to Princeton, Kentucky, as agent of the company, and in 1897 entered into his present business in that city. At the organization of the Railroad Agents' Association he became its secretary and president, and filled the position for some years and was active in the work. He is still the station agent at Princeton, and is a popular man in railroad circles.

Mr. Spink was married in 1888 to Mrs. Julia W. Fowler, of Princeton. He is a Republican in politics, and has been public-spirited and interested in all matters affecting the general welfare of city and state. He is a fine mathematician and accountant, and has often been called to examine the books of banks and other institutions as an expert.

JOHN WATKINS CROCKETT.

John Watkins Crockett, who for many years was connected with the bar of Henderson, was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, May 17, 1818, and died in Madisonville, June 20, 1874. His father, John W. Crockett, was a native of the same county and was a farmer by occupation. His grandfather, Joseph Crockett, was born near Charlottesville, Virginia, and was colonel of a Virginia regiment during the war

of the Revolution. In 1872 he emigrated to Kentucky and took an active part in the organization of the state, serving as United States marshal for a time. The first of the family to come to America was of French-Huguenot extraction, members of the Huguenot band having fled from their native France in the days of the persecution and sought safety in Ireland, whence their descendants came to America. The name at that time was spelled Croquetaine. The sons of this family were seafaring men, and engaged in this calling in connection with the Maury family before locating in Virginia. The mother of our subject was Louisa (Bullock) Crockett, of Jessamine county, Kentucky, a member of the prominent family of that name in this state.

John Watkins Crockett was educated in the common schools of Jessamine county, Kentucky, and in Hancock county, Illinois, while residing there with his sister, Mrs. Hannah (Crockett) Bell. At the age of twenty-one he returned to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he read law with his cousin, Joseph Crockett, an attorney of renown, who later became one of the justices on the supreme bench of California. Mr. Crockett was admitted to practice at Paducah, Kentucky, and removed to Henderson a short time before the inauguration of the Civil war. His sympathies were with the south, and his conscientious convictions of the supreme right of the states to sever their union with the national government led him to give his influence and support to the Confederacy. He was sent as a delegate to the convention held in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and there was elected to represent the second congressional district in the Confederate congress. He maintained this position during the greater part of the war, devoting his time and abilities to advancing the cause of the south, and when the war was over returned to Henderson, where he resumed the practice of law. To that work he devoted his

energies until 1872, when failing health caused him to leave the bar and he returned to Madisonville, where he died in 1874.

Mr. Crockett was twice married. He first wedded Mrs. Smedley, and of this union there are two surviving children,—John W. and Mrs. Lucy (Crockett) Thornberry, of Montgomery, Alabama. For his second wife Mr. Crockett chose Miss Louisa Ingram, daughter of Wyatt H. Ingram, a merchant of Henderson, Kentucky. The Ingrams came to this state from Virginia at a very early day. The only surviving child of the second marriage is Ingram Crockett, who is teller in the Planters' Bank of Henderson, and who, aside from his duties in the bank, gives much attention to authorship, having written many beautiful poems which have appeared in such standard publications as the Youth's Companion and Frank Leslie's, and have also been published for distribution and sale.

In concluding the sketch of John Watkins Crockett it is but just to give an account of his forensic ability, which has seldom been equaled. He was by nature an orator. He possessed a vigorous intellect, wide information and keen wit, and his command of language was such as to make his speech apt and fitting at all times. Careful in arranging and preparing his cases, he was never at a loss for forcible and appropriate argument to sustain his position and he met in the arena of the court-room and in public debate such men as Archibald Dixon, Lazarus W. Powell and others of like caliber, and rarely was worsted in the combat. He was of a genial, generous nature, courteous and frank and ready at all times to aid the unfortunate and needy. Though thirty years have passed since he was laid in the tomb his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of many friends, and his virtues and goodness still live in the recollection of those who knew him.

JOHN HILARY NEWBERRY.

Fulton county is one of the best agricultural counties of the great commonwealth of Kentucky, and is such not solely because of fertile soil, but because its farmers are enterprising and representatives of the noble, honest and independent pursuit they follow. Among the most successful farmers of this county is the subject of this personal memoir, John Hilary Newberry.

Mr. Newberry is a native son of Fulton county. He was born here on the 10th day of November, 1861, and is a son of James and Susan D. (Plummer) Newberry. His father was born August 20, 1836, and his mother's birthday was June 30, 1834. They were married in 1860, and to them only two children were born—two sons, namely: John H., and Thomas C., born October 14, 1863. The mother died in 1865, and two years later the father died. So their children were left orphans when they were mere children. Both have grown to useful manhood and become well respected citizens.

John H. Newberry has spent his entire life as a resident of Fulton county. He gained a limited education, but in the fields he was taught to till the soil and on the farm in his youth he labored, and there learned the most valuable of lessons, that of industry and perseverance. To farming he has devoted his time and efforts, and has achieved success. He owns a fine farm of over one hundred acres, and has it well improved and stocked. While he produces wheat, corn and other farm products, tobacco is his best paying crop, and he is numbered among the most successful tobacco growers of his county.

In 1884 Mr. Newberry married Miss Sarah Finch, a daughter of John Finch, who was one of the pioneers and highly respected citizens

of Fulton county. He died in 1881, at the age of seventy-two, and in 1890 his wife died at the age of seventy-four years. Besides Mrs. Newberry they were the parents of the following named children: John Finch, who was a farmer of Fulton county, and died in 1903, aged sixty-seven years; Mary E., wife of James Shikle, a farmer of Fulton county, died in 1873, aged thirty-six years; Thomas J., a farmer residing in Texas; George, died in 1887, aged thirty-three years, was a farmer of Fulton county; and Paulina Ellen, who married John P. Feimster, a farmer of North Carolina, and died in 1898, at the age of forty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Newberry have the following children, namely: Tidie, Mary E., Nicie, George Ivy, Virginia Pearl, John Thomas and Birdie Ellen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newberry are members of the Christian church, and their home is well known for the generous hospitality shown to those who visit there.

JOHN ADAMS MILNER.

John Adams Milner is a well known farmer and resident of Fulton county, Kentucky. Mr. Milner was born in this county September 11, 1855. His parents were John and Sallie (Haynes) Milner, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Mr. Milner's paternal grandfather, John Milner, was also a native of Kentucky, and very early in his married life became a pioneer settler in Fulton county, which at the time was still a part of Hickman county.

John and Sallie (Haynes) Milner were the parents of the following children: James H., who died of measles while serving in the Confederate army; Susan, who married Mort Willingham, of Sebree, Kentucky; Marcus, a farmer of Texas and a Confederate veteran of the

Civil war; William, deceased, was a merchant of Sebree, Kentucky; George, who removed to Texas and died there, a farmer; and the youngest of the family is John Adams Milner. Their paternal grandfather was a farmer by occupation. He served as county judge, and was highly respected. The mother of these children died during the progress of the Civil war, and later the father married a second time, wedding Lettie Jones, who bore him one child, a daughter, Mattie, who married Frank Wilkinson and died some seven or eight years ago. The father did not live long after his second marriage. He was a farmer by occupation and shared the full confidence of his fellow citizens.

John A. Milner obtained a fair common school education, and quit school to become bookkeeper for a produce commission dealer of Louisville, Kentucky, where Mr. Milner last attended school. He held this position only a short time, and in 1875 returned to Fulton county, where he has since resided and farmed, meeting with fair success in life.

In 1886 Mr. Milner was fortunate in securing in marriage the hand of Miss Mattie Alexander, a native of Fulton county, and a daughter of John and Margaret (Brown) Alexander, both of whom are now deceased. In the fall of the year in which they were married Mr. and Mrs. Milner established their home where they now reside, about three miles north of the city of Fulton. The years that have since passed have been blessed in many ways unto them, and pleasant has been their journey of life as man and wife. One child, Lillian by name, has been born to them, and she, together with May Asbell, whose guardian is Mr. Milner, has been a source of much happiness in their home, which is widely known because of the generous hospitality here accorded many friends of the family.

In church relations Mr. and Mrs. Milner are Cumberland Presbyterians, and in politics he is a Democrat, though he has never sought political honors or office. As a farmer Mr. Milner is regarded as a progressive and prosperous man, and he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and many acquaintances.

PETER FAITH.

Peter Faith, late of McCracken county, Kentucky, was a native of this state, born in McLean county in 1858, son of William J. and Mary (Johnson) Faith, both deceased, the father having died in 1900, the mother in 1887. Their other children beside Peter are as follows: Frances, who died in 1887, was the wife of Woodson Moore, who was a groceryman in Muhlenberg county and who died in 1901; Lenard; William J.; John Elvis; and Effie, wife of Azro Hendrix, a farmer of McCracken county.

Peter Faith was reared and educated in his native county and moved from there, in 1887, to McCracken county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of raising tobacco and corn. Here he died in the prime of life, in 1899, at the age of forty-one years. He left a widow and six children. In 1883 he had married Miss Mattie E. Miller, daughter of Simon and Eliza Miller, who are still living and are residents of McLean county. The children of this union are as follows: Ira, Robert, Murray, Herbert, Ethel and Alice.

Politically Mr. Faith was a Democrat, religiously a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which he was for years an active and influential worker. As an honorable, upright citizen and Christian man he stood high in the estimation of all who knew him.

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